Cuba's taste

for foreign

wars dying

with its pigs

Outbreaks of African swine-fever have reached epidemic proportions in several proportions in several provinces of Cuba but, owing to Hayana's massive

Havana's massive military presence in Africa, the epidemic is creating political problems for Dr Fidel Castro's

Government.

The outbreaks of the disease, which is transmitted only through carcases and live animals, are being blamed on

anniars, are being oranten in soldiers returning from Angola and Ethiopia, where the sick-ness, known as "hog cholera" is widespread, according to an East European agricultural expert just back from Cuba.

The extent of the epidemic can be gauged from the recent decision of the Government.

decision of the Government, reported by the official Prensa Latina agency, to have the

entire pig population of Guan-tanamo Province destroyed. The province produces the bulk of the country's pigmeat.

In a joint operation, units of

By Gabriel Ronay

Long queues as Rhodesia goes to the

People have slept rough, walked for up to 50 miles and have waited through the night in order to vote in the Southern Rhodesian elections. Random opinions gathered from the enormous oueues agree that the ballot is secret and fair.

Voters accept that ballot is secret

From Dan van der Var Inyanga, Rhodesia, Feb 27 African voters tourned out in their thousands in this war-blighted district of Southern Rhodesia today in an impressive

and also moving demonstration of what certainly looked like democracy to action. After seven years of war, two shaky months of ceasefire in which life has not had time to return to normal and much talk of intimidation, the campaigning is at an end and the voter is giving birth to Limbabwe.

The voter's role is not a light one in remote rural areas like this. There are six polling stations to cover an area of 2,500 square miles of rough country. Yet I met people in the enormous queues who had walked up m 50 miles over two days to be able to cast their votes on the first day. Last night they slept rough in the open.

Voters confused on procedure

At Inyanga itself, the settlement which gives its name to the administrative district, I found a quiet, good-humoured queus half-a-mile long containing about 1,000 people. Talking to them at random on the way to the court house where the polling booths are, I found that every group to whom I spoke accepted that the ballot was

Secret.
The three polling stations 1 visited were each handling Africans have not had the opportunity to become used to roting, there was a lot of con-fusion about the procedure which held things up.

what looked like a paper seroplace out of her green ballot paper before trying to force it through the slot in the top of the sealed ballot box.

Women were rather more in evidence than men, but election officials expected many more men to appear after work or on the two remaining polling days. Inyanga district shares 125 miles of border with Mozantbique and was thus one of the areas suffering the heaviest incursions during the guerrilla war. The evidence is everywhere in the shape of an abandined mission station, burnt out huildings, craters, wrecked vehicles and deserted shops

The schools have just opened again after having been closed by guerrillas for up to two

At the "internal settlement" election in April last year, the voters of Inyanga stayed at home, producing one of the lowest turnouts in the country. This time they are out in force and they can, as Shona-speakers, be expected to produce a large majority for Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) Party, whose Zania guerrilla army dominated the area for so local. The scene at Invanga itself faded into insignificance when I reached St Mary's mission polling station to the north. Approaching the abandoned mission complex by helicopter. I watched an enormous con-voluted and sinuous queue came into sight which, had it stood in a straight line, would have stretched two miles and

must have contained 4,000 to 5,000 people.
Election officials said that at

this rate they could not cope and had sent for another set of palling cubicles to double the output of voters. Once again the crowd was in good humour despite having waited for four hows or more in many cases.

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Farther north still, at the polling station at Ruangwe, close to Echo guerrilla assembly area, some 3,500 people were waiting in the sun. This time they were in several queues from which 10 at a time were called forward in turn to

go into the cubicles. There i met Sergeant Errol Flanzgan, a Metropolitan police-man of Welsh origin normally stationed at Bromley, Kent.
"We've been busy this morning," he said, "but there haven't been any incidents apart from a pregnant woman having to be flown out by

military aircraft to give birth.
"The Zanu (PF) Party agent was a bit over-exuberant or first but he's all right now. I'm the only complaint I've got is the only complaint I've got is that I thought there would be a bit more sun. It was drier in England when I left it than it's been here." been here."

The past few days have brought much early morning rain, breaking a drought. The state of the dire-track roads in the area made it impossible to cover all six polling stations in

one day.

Heavy voting: The heaviest turnout was in Salisbury where some people started to queue outside polling stations in the middle of the night. Officials reported that some polling stations in the capital were handling 600 to 700 voters an hour (Nicholas Ashford writes from Salisbury).

Unlike last April's election

Unlike last April's election when a carnival atmosphere prevailed, the mood of the voters this time seemed more sombre and restrained. How-ever if the singing and dancing were absent this time, so too were allegations of electoral

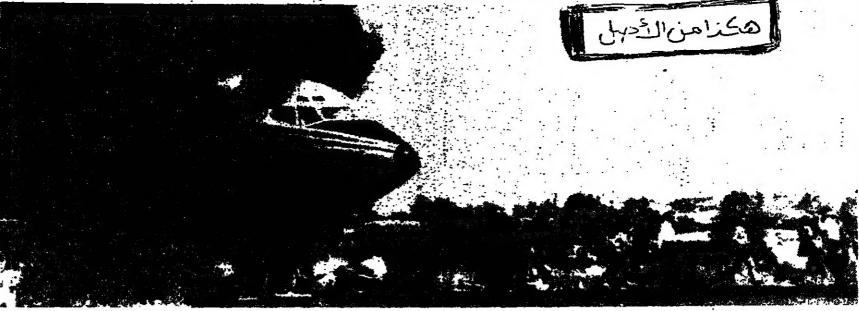
Few complaints by party officials

The few complaints that have so far been made by party officials seem to have involved misunderstandings of voting procedure and most were speedily resolved by British election supervisors.

The presence of British policemen at most of the rural and some of the urban polling stations seems to have had a reassuring effect on many voters. Dressed in a lightweight version of their British version of their "British bobbies" uniform and complete

proceedings. Mr Lloyd Buhme, a teacher who voted in Madziwa tribal trust land, told me he felt the election would be fair this time because the policeman from Britain means I can vote for

who I want". Sir John Boynton, the election commissioner, announced this evening that at 3 pm today a total of 886,482 people had cast their votes. This was 318,000 more than at the same time during last April's elec-tion. Many areas, particularly in the tribal trust lauds, where there were small turnouts last year, experienced much heavier Mugabe request, page 6



Airliner fire: Passengers run for missing, but the tally of injured in their lives from a blazing airliner at Manila airport. The China Airlines' Boeing 707 arriving from Taipei, lost two engines and caught fire on landing yesterday. At least 132 people of the 135 on board escaped. landing yesterday. At least 132
people of the 135 on board escaped.
A China Airlines spokesman said
last night that three passengers are

10 leap several yards to the tarmac.
Of the surviving passengers, 74
were unhurt, 10 slightly injured, and
37 seriously burnt or suffered frac-

Manila hospitals was incomplete. An emergency escape chute went up in flames while passengers were running from the aircraft forcing some

a critical condition, the airline spokesman said. Ten of the 11 crew were in hospital. Some of those who escaped walked away from the wreck, leading officials to fear for a time that they had been trapped in the burning airliner. Most of those

tures or abrasions. Several were in

but the passenger list also included Americans. Japanese, West Germans, British, Australians and Costa Ricans.

Captain Wu Hung, aged 50, the pilot, who has 30,000 hours of flight time over 30 years, was one of those taken to hospital. "The aircraft descended too fast.

Moscow hints at what West could do to help resolve Afghan crisis

hour meeting with Dr Armand Hammer, an American husiness-man, President Leonid Brezhnev roday set out for the first time the type of guarantees he wants from the United States regarding non-interference in Afghanistan affairs and expressed interest in a suggestion for Soviet-American talks on

The 81-year-old Dr Hammer, who has had numerous business links with the Soviet Union, met Mr Brezhnev in the Kremlin. He said the Soviet leader, who is 73, looked "the picture of health", spoke mainly from a prepared text and spent considerable time on the Afghanistan question.

"He said that he felt that the Salo that he left that the Afghanistan problem could be solved if the United States and the countries surrounding Afghanistan would guarantee that they would use their influence to see that there is no interference from outside on

sinking fast, official Yugoslav sources suid tonight.

survive much longer.

President

the internal affairs of Afghan-The comments, as quoted by Dr Hammer, were similar to those Mr Brezhnev made in a nationwide address on televis-

meant by guarantees.

"He said he understood that they (the United States and neighbouring countries) could not control all the elements, but they could use their influence. An assurance that any arms shipped to Pakistan would be used for defensive purposes only, would be one form of

Dr Hammer, the head of Occidental Petroleum, said he suggested to the Soviet leader suggested to the Soviet leader that talks should begin immediately between Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State. They could be joined later by the Foreign Ministers of the neighbouring countries.

Dr Hammer said. On the suggestion by some

western countries of a guarantee of neutrality for Alghanistan, Dr Hammer quoted Mr Dr Hammer quoted Mr
Brezhaev as suying: "The
Aighan Government and the
people of Afghanistan should be
allowed to determine their own
future without interference from ion last week, although for the first time he refined what he neighbouring countries."

Dr Hammer said he met Mr Brezhnev as a businessman and not as a government represen-table. He delivered no message from the White House nor received any message from Mr Brezhnev to take to President

Carter.
His main reason for the visit was to determine if the Soviet Union planned to shut off the export of ammonia to the United States in retaliation for President Carter's decision to ban the export of phosphate from the United States to the Soviet Continued on page 6, col 5

MP demands inquiry Tito is "Sinking fast' Belgrade, Feb 27.—President Tito, in grave condition with kidney and cardiac problems, is On dirty books guide By Kenmeth Owen An immediate government of the pages, attributed to a mediate government of the pages, attributed to a mediate government of the pages, attributed to a mediate government of the pages available to brief guide to sex magation the Post Office's Prestel and a list of five bookshops

on the Post Office's Prestel viewdata service was called for yesterday by Dr Brian Maw-hinney, Conservative MP for Peterborough.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse.

The sources added that Marshal Tito had been close to death for the past three days and his condition was deteriohonorary general secretary of rbe National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, also pro-tested. And the Bible Society rating. He was also suffering from pneumonia. Although it was difficult to predict how long he might be able to hold out, it said it was not very happy at the "porn shop pages". Details of the pages, which are provided by Mills & Allen seemed that he would not Earlier today, the President's doctors disclosed for the first time that he was haemorrhag-

Communications, London, were disclosed in The Times yesterday. The Post Office yesterday reaffirmed that the corporation ing. The sources said this involved internal bleeding from could nor censor its Prestel pages.

small blood vessels, or capil-laries, and was a dangerous Mills & Allen's reaction was to insert "As seen in The Times" beneath the Prestel page heading of the guide. "It is very hard to express this, but the President is sinking fast", one official said.

tive books where such literature can be

Mr Richard Hooper, managing director of Mills & Allen Communications and directorelect of the Post Office's Prestel service, said that the pages had been available on Prestel since January 10 and no complaint had been received.

Dr Mawhinney, who is attempting to get his Indecent Displays Bill through Parliament, called on Sir Kelth Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to mount a govern-ment inquiry into the affair.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse said she was amazed the Post Office was providing such a service.
"We shall be writing to the head of the Post Office and to the minister concerned".

TUC rejects plea by moderates for state-financed ballots

By Paul Routledge

Trade union leaders yesterday chose secret ballots as the main lever in their campaign to frustrate the Government's reform of industrial relations law, and reaffirmed May 14 as a "day of action" against Cabinet policies.

The TUC general council voted 35 to three against a moderate proposal that the unions should not reject out of hand state finance for ballots about strikes and election to union office, and that view will be codified into "strong advice" to all affiliated organizations.

Militant union leaders want that symbol of opposition to the Employment Bill made a condition of affiliation to the TUC, as was deregistration under the ill-fated Industrial Relations Act of 1971, so that unions accept-ing public funds for secret ballots would be expelled from the Trades Union Congress. Three members of the general

Three members of the general council voted against that tough new policy, and asked for their names to be published. They were Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Phymbing Union, and Sir John Boyd and Mr Terence Duffy, Boyd and Mr Terence Duffy, general secretary and president respectively of the Amaigamated Union of Engineering Workers. Between them, they represent nearly one-sixth of 12 million trade unionists affiliated to the TUC.

Both unions make regular use of postal ballots for union elec-tions, and both clearly wanted to avail themselves of the state ald that was reviled in yester-day's meeting by Mr Kenneth Thomas, the Civil Service union leader, as "Judas money".

Government money for ballots has now become the chief totem of opposition to the disparate elements in the Employment liament by Mr James Prior, Sec-retary of State for Employment.

overwhelming majority against that aspect of the Cabinet's

labour law reforms.

Labour Editor

The coalition against state funding cuts across traditional political boundaries, and was led by Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the tradi-tionally moderate General and Municipal Workers' Union, which was a reluctant warrior in the TUC struggle against the 1971 Act.

Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, said after the vote that opponents of state aid saw it as part of a general govern-ment policy to weaken and undermine the effectiveness of trade union action. "This fin-ancial offer could well be merely the first step down the road to the reintroduction of compulsory ballots such as we had in 1971", he added. That had implications for trade union

He was at pains to argue that unions would continue to conduct ballots "in appropriate circumstances." But the general council was "totally opposed" to the proposed legislation on industrial relations. industrial relations, and would now tell the TUC employment policy and organization committee to recommend to affili-ated unions that they should not accept state subsidies.

Clause one of the Employment Bill provides for government money to pay for trade union ballots on the calling or ending of a strike or other industrial action; elections to committees of management or full-time trade union office; amendments to union rules, amalgamations between unions "and such other purposes as the Secretary of State may by order specify."

The TUC expects a big crowd

to gather in London on March 9 for the first demonstration against the Bill and other government s ocial and economic policies. More than 20 special trains and 400 buses will Continued on page 2, col 3 | protect them."

the province's civil defeuce corps and health officials, backed up by the Army, slaugh-tered and burned every pig in Guantanamo

The resulting meat shortage has further exacerbated the country's economic problems. Because both sugar-cane and tobacco crops have been affected by blight, Cuba will be able to feed its population and secure development in basic industries this year only with massive in-crease of Comecon aid, accord-ing to the source.

In reporting the African swine-fever outbreaks, the partycontrolled Cuban press has gone out of its way to dispel the rumours of the African origins of the epidemic. The reports blamed the putbreaks on illegel Hairian refugees landing in bosts on Cuba's eastern shores. According to the reports, 2,800 Hairian refugees arrived illegally in the country last

year.

Señor Raoul Castro, the Army chief and First Deputy Prime Minister, spoke openly of the country's deepening "internal problems" at the recent ninth plenum of the ruling Communist Party. The class enemy, he declared in a speech quoted by Granma, the party newspaper, was trying to exploit Cuba's internal problems and fish in troubled waters.

Whereas before, imperialism

Whereas before, imperialism tried to exert external economic pressures and resorted to open. armed interventions, now it was trying to exploit Cuba's econo-mic difficulties by fomeuting disaffection.

This has taken the form, according to the source, of "extremist actions", among them the forced entry of dis-affected people into foreign embassies in Havana. These incidents have remained largely

The Cuban authorities are apparently upset because people whom they describe as "misled persons" and "common criminals" have succeeded in exploiting the Latin American tradition of asylum by seeking refuge at the embassies of these

According to the source, Havana's relations with these states have become strained because they not only granted these people asylum in their embassies but "took diplomatic steps, including the issuing of notes, in their endeavour to

Sleeping car deaths could and should with helmers, they could be have been avoided, British Rail told seen keeping a weather eve on have been avoided, British Rail told

British Rail's safety standards were severely criticized yester-day in the report of the inquiry into the 1978 Taunton sleeping car fire in which 12 people died.

Mr Norman Fowler, Transport Minister, said that the tragedy "could and should have been avoided". But he was satisfied that British Rail had already taken action, and would follow other recommendations in the inquiry report, to try to ensure that there could be no repetition of the disaster. Among the main conclusions in the report by Major Tom King, the Railway Inspecting

Officer, are:

Many of the sleeping car doors were locked, which ham-pered evacuation and fire-fight-

The training, supervision and control of attendants was inade-

The attendant responsible may have been asleep.
Major King adds that there were no arrangements for fire detection, no means of raising the alarm, no fire instructions to passengers, and no clearly marked fire exits.
The disaster would have been worse if the train had not stopped near a track telephone

quate emergency services.

stacked close to a heater caught

British Rail said last night that it accepted all the report's recommendations and those improvements which had not been made would be introduced and close to a town with ade-

British Rail staff must be trained to prepare for emergen-cies which could happen in open country, Major King says. The blaze on the Peozance to London express was caused when bags of soiled bed linen

as soon as possible.

New sleeping cars would come into use this year and by the mid-1980s two-thirds of the 360-strong sleeper floor

Gunmen seize envoys in Colombia attack

Bogotá, Colombia, Feb 27.— Left-wing guerrillas shot their way into the Dominican Em-bassy here tonight and seized a number of hostages, apparently including the American Ambassador.

First reports indicated that the Ambassador, Mr Diego Asencio, was seriously wounded and thatother ambassadors, in-cluding those of Austria, Switzerland and the representative of the Vatican had been taken

the 360-strong sleeper fleet embassy at the time.—AP and would have been replaced.

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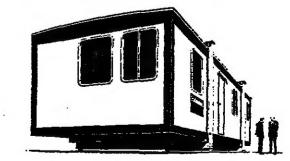
hostage with him.

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Irish PAYE cut but drinks and petrol up

Concessions for PAYE taxpayers costing about £200m in a full year were amounced by Mr Michael O'Kennedy, Ireland's Minister for Finance, in the Section of first budget under the leadership of Mr Charles Haughey. But petrol and diese go up by 20p a galion, a glass of spirits by 16p, a pint of beer by 6p, a standard pack of 20 cigarettes by 10p and table wine by 40p a bottle. Duty is increased on television sets. records, cars and gaming machines

Whisky sales boost by EEC court

The European Court of Justice has found France, Italy, Denmark and Ireland guilty of illegal tax discrimination against imported spirits. This roused the hopes of Scotch whisky producers to expand their sales in the four countries which account for nearly 12 per cent of total Scotch whisky exports Page 5

Reagan victory a blow to rivals

Clear victories for President Carter and Mr Rouald Reagan in the New and Mr Konena Keagan in the New Hampshire primary were severe blows to their principal rivals, Senator Kennedy and Mr Bush, but both swore to continue the fight. Mr Kennedy expects to win next Tuesday's primary in Massachusetts day's primary in Massachuserts

Duty to aid refugee

The High Court ruled in a test case that the London Borough of Hillingdon had a duty to house an Ethiopian don had a outy to nouse an Ethiopian refugee and her son, aged eight. The council had refused to buse her because she had no local connexion with any housing authority in Britain

Mr Ram resigns

Mr Jagjivan Ram has resigned the leadership of the Japata parlia-nuentary party amid continuing arguments within the top ranks of India's former ruling party. The crisis was precipitated by Mr Ram's refusal to consider an electoral alliance with the Lok Dal party led by Mr Charan

EEC-Israel dispute over Jerusalem

A diplomatic dispute has broken out between the Israeli Government and the EEC Commission over the international status of Jerusalem and its suitability as a site for the EEC's first office in Israel. As a result of the disagreement the EEC's decision last year to send its first ambassador to Israel has still not been imple-

ISTC leaflet drive

The Iron and Steel Trades Confedera-tion is to saturate strike-bound steelmaking areas with 200,000 leaflets urging workers to ignore or spoil British Steel Corporation ballot papers which seek their views on a vote for the pay deal rejected by union leaders Page 2

Libel acquittal

The authors and publishers of the paperback book, Johnny Go Home, were acquirted at the Central Criminal Court of a charge of criminal libel. The prosecution had been brought privately by Mr Roger Gleaves, aged 47, once known as the Bishup of Mcdway Page 3

Hostages delay A senior Iranian official said that

parliament could not start discussing the release of the United States Embassy hostages before May. The panel investigating Iran's grievances against the deposed Shah were surrounded by demonstrators after visiting a cemetery where victims of the revolution were buried Page 6 Paisley's plan: The Democratic Unionist Party says any future Northern Ireland cabinet should con-

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Steel unions launch leaflet drive urging strikers to ignore or spoil BSC 'ballot about a ballot'

decided to saturate the strikebound steelmaking areas with union leaflets calling on the men to prevent a "Yes" vote in the British Steel Corporation's "Ballot about a ballot ". Union leaders ordered the printing of 200,000 copies of the ISTC handbill urging strikers to ignore British Steel's black ballot", and arguing that a vote for Mr Robert Scholer the correspond

Scholey, the corporation's chief executive, was a vote for lower earnings, big redundannd more plant closures. Workers who feel they must to their homes are asked to spoil them by writing the ISTC strike slogan "Pay the Steel-workers" across the voting disclosed in The Times

yesterday, the dominant steel-making union wants to frustrate BSC's plan to win acceptance of its "final" 14.4 per cent pay and productivity offer by a two-stage vote of the men. If they record a majority in favour of a ballot in the first round next week, the corporation would then move to a rank-

and-file vote on the package so far rejected by union leaders. In its leaflets the ISTC accuses British Steel top mancallot into a vote of confidence ng their proposals for a steel industry with 2,000 fewer workers.

The leaflet accuses Mr Scholey of being the chief archithe rationalization programme, and blames him as directly responsible for the nine weeks of hardship and

that they were not allowed a vote on the latest round of closure proposals, or on the shutting of works such as Ebbw Vale, East Moors, Corby and

8 per cent wage settlement last year, when other workers were were being asked to accept the of a return to

locked, other unions may soon be asked to step up their financial aid to the strikers. The idea was canvassed at the TUC General Council yesterday, and Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, said: "It is felt that the steel unions should consider this, and if they decide it would

do it very quickly."

The best thing the TUC could finding a basis of settlement acceptable to the membership that will resolve the dispute as quickly as possible. Anything we do will be designed to that

Mr Murray would not be drawn on the wisdom of the BSC ballot, saying only: "I think any employer who embarks on a policy of balloting his employees without consulting the unions is being very

that he was "disappointed" by the union's response to the corporation's ballot. It still hoped that if the ballot recor-ded a vote in favour of another ballot on the offer itself, unions would take a hand in the Mr Scholey said that he was now receiving about fifty letters a day, most of which were

"well written and well reasoned" arguments "that the offer is a reasonable one under the circumstances end or that there should be a hallot on it.". British Steel expects the Electoral Reform Society to have delivered voting papers to stelworkers' homes by early next week and for the returns to be completed by the next

Mr Scholey made clear that the corporation was hoping for a poll of "not less than 50 per cent" before deciding its next step. But he declined to say what kind of majority, if any, would spur the corporation into carrying out a second ballot on the offer if the unions main-tained their opposition

He also refused to commit himself on the hypothetical pos-sibility of what would happen if a substantial vote might be returned against having a bal-50 per cent voting and we would have to see how many voted 'yes' out of that", he told a press conference.

He made clear that he saw no possibility of an improvement in the present offer.

ment in the present offer Mr Scholey repeated charges that the unions were unpre-pared to go to arbitration and added that he would not mind the offer being put before a full court of inquiry.

Tinned food companies restricting

argument, the moute Executive Labour's National Several v By Hugh Clayton

The largest timed food companies in Britain reported for the first time vesterday that they were restricting supplies because of the steel strike. Batchelors, the largest maker of processed peas; said that it was working at a third of capacity.

Crosse & Biackwell said that

Young Socialists and a Trests, still its, third to get Mr Leslie Huck field, left-wing MP for Number of the country future organization.

"Bean supplies are very tight, and indeed we were unable to supply for a few days recently", the company said. "We have just about been able Transport and General Workers'
Union, whose pro-Sovier line has
received much publicity.
That was first countered by
Mr John Golding, MP for Newcastif-under-Lyane, a "modercate", who represents the Post
Office, Engineering, Union on
the executive, and Mr Michael
Roots deputy leader of the
party, Lady Jeger, as the
replacement.

to keep pace on soup?.

Heins said it was restricting grocers to the amount of tinned food they had ordered two years ago. Supermarker chains will thus be unable to use Heinz products to take the place of food they would norm-ally buy from smaller replacement. But Lady Jeger said she would not be available. She had

Correspondent

Midlands officials of the two

biggest unions in the country were trying last night to avert a clash over the election of the

convener at BL's Longbridge plant to replace Mr Derek

dustry, Mr Dick Etheridge and

But the Transport and General Workers Union is con-

has pointed out that when Mr

His rival is another commu-

nist. Mr Victor Poulton, an engineering shop steward. Last night officials of both

unions were trying to play down

the extent of the inter-union clash. Mr Brian Mathers, the

TGWU's senior official in the. Midlands, said: "I believe they.

should elect the best man for the job, and Jack Adams seems to be the outstanding candi-

e most powerful trade posts in the motor in-

companies. No tined food is reaching the 200 Co-operative retail societies from the Co-operative tinned food factory at Lowestoft, Suffolk, where 500 of the workforce of 700 were laid off last

Crosse & Blackwell said that it had stopped making 6 lb time of baked beans for use in can-

factories were no longer running at full capacity.

supplies

week.

Manufacture of baked beans and processed peas by Hartley and of some supermarket brands has ceased at a factory owned by Cadbury Schwabeps at Montrose, Tayaide, where more than a hundred workers have been laid off. Batchelors said that it had

been able to avoid layoffs in its Sheffield canning factory by factory producing other foods in Worksop. Supplies of som products were now subject to delays, stocks of others were well below normal, the com-pany said.

Labour Party's moderates score victories

But speaker after speaker argued against replacing Mr Kitson. They included Mr Poot, Mr Douglas. Hoyle, Mr, Neil Kinnock, frontbench spekesmas on education, Mrs Shriley Williams and Mr Norman Actionson, letters and Mr Norman Actionson, Mr. Frank Allaung MP for Salford, Best, a former party chairman, said Mr Huckfield should be appointed; otherwise the original balance of power would be shifted.

a member of it, he believed it would get through its work and produce an expeed report " by a consensus" to be a consensus to make not to replace Mr Kitson. It would seem that four left wingers, Mr Kinnock, Mr Arkinson. Dame Judith Harrand Mr Douglas Hoyle, changed the stance they took when the commission was set up. Some "moderates" took that as a confirmation of reports that the unity of the left wing block on the NEC was beginning to crumble. One of them said afterwards: "The soft left has begun to emerge"

Another decision they we comed was the reference back of a recommendation that the appeal against expulsion of Mr Edward Heskin, of the Oxford Labour party, should be allowed.

left and the moderates could claim a victory, but it leaves the party looking rather silly. outh he sauted.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, MP for ristol. South-East, favoured to original composition, which

commission was left-dominated and that some people on it tended to include, "links be were taking a nigit attitude As tweet section of the Labour member of it, he believed it would get through its work and state the CIA and other enemies of the Labour movement." Yesterday the Executive rejected that whole idea, and invited all Labour groups to supply details of their constitu-

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endorsed the party's position would have been ludicrous. "You can only investigate if you get some form of coppera-tion", he said. I would not know how to start investigating

Ambassador would be willing to give me the newe of his chief agent."

He said he would be writing to all groups, including the Social Democratic Alliance two of whose leading figures are under threat of expulsion from the party. But if they chose not to reply, the executive could do

Paisley plan

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Irish PAYE cut, but

In the first budget under the eadership of Mr Charles Haughey Mr. O'Keinedy

description of the state of the

Etheridge was appointed more than thirty years ago, the engineering union had by far the largest membership in the plant. That has not been the base since the National Union of Vehicle Builders merged

liable to pay tax, a move designed to placate wage earners whose tax burden has risen rapidly because of inflation.

A wide range of social welfare payments are being increased. The standard old age

there are increases in widows pensions, invalidity pensions, unemployment benefit and

women the unconstitutional and wife will get the same per-sonel allowence, double that of single people, and it will no longer be chesper for couples to live together unmarried. Before his budget Mr O'Kennedy was faced with a deficit of £345m this year. The various increases will yield f292m this year and the rax reliefs will cost f143m.

The Irish pound is worth 92p

East Belfast, the party's chief whip, because Dr Paisley was

Satisfy either the maney would Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, or the non-sectarian Alliance Party. Both are to cross-examine the DUP

on them today.

The SDLP has proposed oldstyle power-sharing, in which
Roman Catholic representatives
would be allocated places in
the cabinet proportionate to
their strength in the assembly,

The Ailiance Party has proposed a system of departmental committees under which each ministry would be run by a mixed committee, and a panel mixed committee, and a panel of committee chairmen would allocate departmental budgets. It is thought that the DUP might suggest further safeguards for the minority later in the conference under another item on the agenda. These could take the form of a blocking machanism in an

Flying picket exchange plan Wales CBI to ask Sir Keith to cover private companies

A new national strategy for lated after a secret meeting this week between strike orga-nizers from Scotland, Wales, Yorkshire and Teesside. It torsture and reesside. It would be stepped up in south is still in the early stages but Yorkshire and throughout the plans involve the rapid rest of the country.

exchange of flying pickets. The British Steel Corporabetween all British areas and rion's South Yorksive and Hum-

Emphasis would be placed on steelworkers in Bristol yesterand raw materials rather than stop mass secondary picketing on preventing men entering (our Bristol Correspondent plants that had resumed work writes). More than 150 flying on preventing men entering plants that had resumed work against theinstructions of their

cated that engineering com-panies that might use steel from resumed private sector works would be starved of the

Five steel pickets were

intensified picketing.

Mr Sheridan said the logistic

berside's division disclosed yes by pay telephone or terday that it was acting as telegrams will be sent agents for customers who were out for help at steelworks or docks. Mr Stanley Sheridan, South Yorkshire strike committee spokesman; said last night that even if it meant flying that even if it meant flying that even if it meant flying the pickets travelling from York whom they wished to maintain shire as far assettick, in Scotontact.

Police plea ignored: Striking Police ples ignored: Striking

rie said: "We feel certain that within two weeks the strike wil betin to take a very serious effect." He indicated that engineers. They picketed the private steel stockpilers, Woodberry Chilcost, and fighting broke out between police and pickets when a lorry driver insisted on going into the depot. A picket was arrested accused of

obstruction. Union expulsions : The Iron and rested after scriffles outside the Rotherham works of Templeborough Rolling Mills vesterday. The company, jointly owned by the private sector and the British Steel Northamptonshire, because they are refusing to join the national steel strike (our British Corporation pricingle work). Corporation, resumed work on steel strike (our Bristol corre-Monday in defiance of a strike spondent writes).

for tax concessions

The Wales CBI will ask the Government to give special concessions to industries in areas to be affected by the steel curs when its members meet Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of It believes the Government

will be more likely to consider concessions on company taxation than direct cash aid as a method of providing incentives

Mr Emrys Evans, the chair-Mr Emrys Evans, the chair 15 million tonness of production many said that in addition it planned nationally after the mould be setting up an advisory frim down because of customers service to help some of the going elsewhere for their supplies. become redundant to start their uwn small businesses.

· Mr Evans said his organization objected to Wales being termed an industral desert and took issue with Wales TUCforecasts that the steel rundown could lead to more than 50,000 lost jobs.

Our research indicates that the figure will be no more than 30,000 and we shall be seeking Government aid to help us diversify from the primary industries of steel and coal. We shall be asking for Newport, Lianwern and Port Talbot to be made special development areas to attract industrialists".

According to the CBI the so far on industry in Wules but it is worried that Contin market once the pickets leave

ector, said some companies had also discovered they could have abroad. He said some companie who were anxious to maintail supplies were agreeing to two

Mr Peter Allen, director of the British Steel Corporation's Welsh division, has said the company may, not achieve the who has been committee section tary for several years. Like Mr Retinson, he is a member of the Committee of the Party, and the was disciplined with him far advocating disruptive action against the Edwardes plan.

It is very clear that as a result of the disruption of normal supplies caused by the strike some key customers tend to reduce permanently their dependence on BSC. At a time when demand in general is dwindling we must regard the intention of customers to find econd sources with concern."

He added that the deadline for reducing the 11,300 steel jobs in Wales could be brought forward from August because of empty order books.

date".

But Mr William Jordan, the
AUEW's Midlands divisional
organizer, disagreed. He said:
"My union takes the view that the convenor's job at Long-bridge is ours by long tradition and practice. Meetings are taking place before Monday to try to resolve the issue "." So far the strike has cost the Welsh division £28m in orders, and losses are running at £3m

Unions in contest for petrol, drinks go up **BL** convener By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial

increases on petrol, cigarettes and alcohol were announced yesterday by Mr. Michael O'Kennedy, Ireland's Minister for Finance

will go up later in the year. Public spending will be curbed. The personal tax reliefs will Lonebridge comprises senior shop stewards and elects its chairman and secretary annually. Traditionally, the chairman is also the convener. The committee is to meet on Monday evening to appoint the convener. The outstanding candidate is Mr Jack Adams, a transport, union shop steward, which as been committee secretary for sentral vess. The Mr.

More special units to fight terrorism in Ulster

be unchanged, but the four outside the city are to be re-named, redeployed and in-creased to ten, one for each division of the Royal Ulster

Constabulary.

Constabulary.

They will be known as Divisional Mobile Support Units and will be trained to the same standard as the Special Patrol Groups. They will be engaged full time in the prevention and

Homes for swans Fifteen people have offered their ponds and lakes as homes for swans found injured on the Broadland waterways in Nor-felk and Suffolk.

"Plans are well under way and over a period the result will be Northern Ireland."

Mr Jack Bermon, the chief constable smoonced that the changes were on the way in a eks ago when he oid: "I am determined that the police will strive harder to put an end to terrorist crime. "Significant plans are in progress. We will be more professional, more determined, and we will be more vigorous."

4-star Europa The Europa hotel, in Belfast, damaged several times by IRA bombs, is among five botels the RAC has added to its 4-star "luxury" rating.

Belfast The Democratic Unionist Party, whose leader is the Rev lan Paisley, revealed its pro-posals for the government of Northern Ireland yesterday to the constitutional talks at Stor-It proposed that any future

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government should be made up entirely of the majority party in an elected assembly, with no minority representatives in the cabiner, but that there should be a system of mixed party departmental committees which would advise on legisla-tion and could call ministers Party representation on the

tional to party strength in the would be allocated on the same The proposals were outlined by Mr Peter Robinson, MP for

the United States.

It is unlikely that these proposals go far enough towards partnership government to satisfy either the mainly Roman

a blocking mechanism in an upper chamber, whereby all legislation would be approved by a 75 per cent majority. It is unlikely that these proposals will go far enough for the other parties.

Pressure on Civil Service union for all-out strike

The leadership of the largest civil service union is trying to damp down attempts by left wingers to commit the union to an all-out strike if its pay demands are not met.

and Public Services Association, (CPSA), who work in govern-ment offices which pay out social security and unemploy-ment benefits, want the union to change its policy of using selective strikes to back up pay There is a widespread feeling

the Government will set a cash limit for pay increases which will fall far short of the rises which the Pay Research Unit has said are necessary for civil servants to keep pace with industry in general.

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It is understood that the Cabinet is to discuss the level at which the cash limit is to be set at its meeting troop. Union leaders expect it to be about the same as the 14 per cent limit set for other public sector workers, while PRU reports suggest that civil servants are entitled to average increases of

response to

lation. Union leaders are unrepent-

-at least, not yet-that people cannot take their own time off

for individual union executives to decide what form of action they would take.

General guidance will be issued after the economic com-mittee meeting on March 12. Action will include lunch-time Action will include lunch-time The gang drave off in the meetings and work stoppages. Cortina, registration number

Hostage hoax nets armed raiders £395,000 haul

Armed raiders escaped with £395,000 yesterday after a kid-nap threat lured a security van crew into an ambush.

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blue Ford Cortina, two of them carrying pistols, and the three-

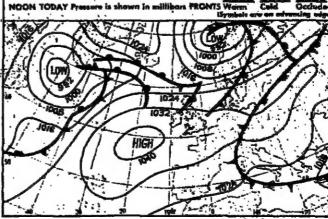
man crew were ordered out of the van and forced to lie face down while the bags containing 5395,000 were unloaded.

DLN 437E, and headed for the Berkshire-Surrey border. Thames Valley and Surrey police set up road blocks throughout the area and a helicopter was called in to join the search, but the gang appeared to have cluded the dragnet. Police took the kidney threat seriously and Det-Inspector Patrick Bridgeman said shortly after the raid was reported:
"We have reason tofear they are threatening the children's live." But it was later dislives." But it was later dis-covered that the guard's child-

who were masked and ware combat packets, described the raid as "very well planued". When asked why the security crew had kept the rendezvous without getting in touch were the police he refused to

deputy managing director, said at the company's headquarters in Broadway. Worcestershire in Broadway. Worcestershire : "This is a hostage-type situation and in view of that we would rather not say anything be-cause the safety of our em-ployees and their families may be involved."

Weather forecast and recordings



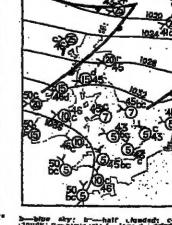
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Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); win 6 pm to 5am. 2°C (35°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.035.8 millibars. rising. millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



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predicted and the 230,000-strong CPSA would be in the forefront

of any action. Mr Kenneth Thomas, union Mr Kennem Intomes, general secretary, writing in the latest issue of the union's journal. Red Tape, says: "My nal, Red Tape, says: "My belief is that we have not yet squeezed the lemon of selec-Militant sections of the Civiltivity dry.

Pressure is coming from the union's membership in the Department of Health and Social Security and Department of Employment. Any decision to strike by these members would have an immediate effect on the payment of benefits. Mr Thomas says another area of pressure is the fact that after

last year's selective strikes by the union, the Government has been able to draw up contingency plans to minimize the effects of strikes this year. Last year the union's policy during an eight-week pay dispute was directly affect the public. Last year's action cost the union £1.8m in strike pay—it is union polcy to pay strikers their full net wage—and it has this year transferred £500,000

entitled to average increases of from its general fund to a about 18 per cent.

In view of that likely shortfall industrial action in the Civil Service is being widely

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TUC seeks big day of action

Continued from page 1 bring trade unionists from all parts of Britain to a march that may exceed the 100.000-strong "rally" against the 1971 legis-

ant about the choice of a working day in mid-May for their Morray said: 'It is the basic right of a Britisher to take time off work. We don't live in a

cannot take their own time off to protest their grievances to their Government. It is a basic democratic right. I hope many people will take time off and where appropriate will take the day off."

He demured at suggestions that the TUC was actually mounting a one-day general strike. That question arose "for clarification" at the general council meeting, and Mr Murray reiterated that it was for individual union executives

From Our Correspondent

It started in the morning when a letter arrived at a depot of Group 4 Total Security in Acton, west London, giving warning that the daughters of guard were being held

The crew of a security van scheduled to make collections at Bracknell, Berkshire, were given instructions in the letter on what they must do to ensure the safety of the two girls.

As the van drove along the A322 Bagshot road, on the outskirts of Bracknell, the crew spotted a sign reading 'Run', which they had been warned to watch out for. They turned off watch out for. They turned off the road on to Forestry Com-mission land, drove about 50 vards along a track and halted by a 'Stop' sign.

Four men emerged from a

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Der Sopt Len Bradley, of
Thames Valley pouce, the man
leading the hunt for the gang,

Mr Gordon Phillips, Group 4

Bow Group calls for selection reforms

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Conservative plans to toughen the selection procedures for prospective parliamentary can-didates are being discussed by party officers and will be an-nounced in May. The discussions come at a

time when the Tory Bow Group has weighed in with a helty set of proposals designed to change the system, which they privately see as a "charter for extroverts". Arguing for a radical change

because the quality of Con-servative MPs is threatened by

ourdated selection procedures,

a Bow Group pamphlet pub-lished yesterday calls for three main reforms: All applicants for the Con-All applicants for the Con-servative Central Office list should be subjected to a pro-fessional, in depth, 48-hour selection procedure; regional lists should be introduced; efforts should be made to ensure that those who have been successful in areas other than politics are encouraged to enter Parliament.

two interviews of about 20 minutes one with the party vice-chairman responsible for candidates, and the second with a panel, is superficial.

Miss Ann Widdecombe, who chaired the Bow Group study. group, said yesterday that in seeking to improve the quality of candidates the quantity would have to be reduced. A party official agreed that it was time the list was weeded out. The group argues that because of growing pressures on the system the sifting process needed to be more rigorous and streamlined. The first proposal has already been discussed by party officers and is understood to have been dropped. The Bow Group is pressing the case because, they state, the present procedure of streamlined. Choosing Our Rulers (Bow Pub-lications, 21).

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Jury clear authors of criminal libel over 'Johnny Go Home'

day.

The jury took an hour to decide that John Willis, Lord Willis's son, and Michael Deakin and the publishers, Quartet Books and Futura Publications, were not guilty of criminal libel.

Their trial has been described as one of the most unusual and rare cases to be heard at the Central Criminal Court. at the trial judge, Mr Justice Comyn, called for the reform of the criminal libel law he-cause it was "wholly unfitted" to modern times.

The prosecution had been brought privately by Mr Roger Gleaves, aged 47, once known as the Bishop of Medway, who claimed that he was now virtually unemployable and had been shunned because of some of the book's allegations against

Mr Justice Comyn ordered that all the defence costs should be paid out of central funds. He refused to order that the costs should be borne by Mr Gleaves. He said: " If Mr Gleaves had

the money or any prospect of money, I would order him personally to pay the defence costs in full. But one has to have an eye to the practical side of things, and such an order would be quite useless here." Mr Richard Rampton, for the defence, who applied for the

The authors and publishers of the paperback book. Joining Go Home, were acquitted of criminal libel by a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Costs, said: "This prosecution has been a complete disgrace." The defendants had had to prove that every allegation in the book was correct, when had been an enormous expense.

He said the prosecution should never have been brought and the law of criminal libel should have been left in disuse. As Mr Willis left the court he said: "I hope this will be the last prosecution against journalists for criminal libel and that the law will be changed as a result."

Mr Deakin said the trial had been "jolly wearing" and estimated the costs of the defence at more than 150,000. They felt they had done a public service with the book.

The judge ordered that papers concerning evidence from one of the prosecution wit-nesses, Mr Brian Stainer, should be sent to the Director of Pub-lic Prosecutions to be considered for possible perjury.

Mr Justice Comyn said Mr Stainer was one of two men with whom Mr Gleaves was charged with buggery in 1975. He added: "He gave evidence against Mr Gleaves at that trial. He was plainly believed by the jury, because Mr Gleaves was found suiter of buggery with found guilty of buggery with both young men.

"He then came to this court and gave evidence after a warning by me that the evidence he gave suggested he told lies on oath at the previous trial against Mr Gleaves."

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Farm animal protest rejected by minister

By Our Agriculture

The Government has rejected appeals to strip farmers and traders of voting rights on its Farm Animal Welfare Council. Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has decided that complaints about the council from animal welfare campaigners are universified.

Leading members of the governing council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Americals have asked him to make the government body more acceptable to welfare campaigners.

A group on the RSPCA council led by Mr Richard Ryder, a former chairman of

the society, wants all members of the government body who are not welfare campaigners to lose their voting rights.

That would mean that only a minority of the 20 members of the body who are not connected with farming, meat science or the veterinary profession would be allowed to youe. The Farm Animal Welfare fession would be allowed to vote. The Farm Animal Welfare Council advises ministers about the need for chapges in the law governing the welfare of animals on farms, at markets, in slaughterhouses and in

Mr Ryder said that the change in voting rights would enable the RSPCA council to reconsider its decision not to allow two senior officers of the society to join the government body. The decision has high-lighted the division between traditionalists and acrivists



Almost a millionaire: Mr David Preston, a Stoke-on-Trent brewery worker, and his wife, Jean, apparently not too distressed yesterday that he had not quite managed to win £1m on the football pools. Mr Preston, aged 46, of Forest Road, Burton-on-Trent,

had just been handed a cheque for £804,573.35p from Littlewoods Pools at the Grosvenor House hotel, London. A cheque for £149,300.75p was on its way to his home from Vernons Pools, making a record pools total of £953,874,10p.

Group to advise on health decisions

By Our Health Services

An advisory group is to be set up to help in reaching important decisions about the future of health services in London, Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health,

Announcing the decision to the Commons committee de-bating the Health Services Bill, Dr Vaughan said that there were a number of difficult decisions to be taken on London University and London Health Planning Consortium reports on medical schools and bed

provision, as well as other reports affecting health care in London, Coordination between many

interests was necessary if the right answers were to be found. The terms of reference and membership of the group would be announced shortly.

Flight computer 'could save £200m in fuel'

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

British aviation will spend about £1,000m on fuel this year, but the use of a new flight planning system could save up to £200m of that, it was claimed in London yesterday.

The system is based at Horley. Surrey, just outside Gatwick, the second London airport. It is linked to a computer in California which works out in a matter of seconds the most fuel-efficient route for any type of aircraft to fly between any points in the world.

The computer is programmed with details of the performance of 150 jet and turbo-prop aircraft, both military and civil, the airways routes between thousands of towns and cities throughout the world, and areas through which flying is prohibited for reasons of security.

Four times in each 24 hours

Four times in each 24 hours weather data contained in the computer is brought up to date from reports fed to it from United States meteorological satellites stationed high above

Using that information, the computer can warn pilots if they are likely to meet turbu-lence on the flight, how in-tense the turbulence will be, and at what point on the route it will be encountered.

Many of the world's princi-pal airlines already use their computers for flight planning, but the companies behind the new system, Memrykord Ltd, of Horley, and Lockheed Jetplan, in the United States, are con-fident that it will produce

Asked to produce a fuelasked to produce a ruer-efficient route between Paris, and New York, for instance, their system will offer a choice of 10 different tracks, far more than airlines consider, they

claim. A number of British air operators are trying the system out. One of them, operating wide-bodied airliners to the west coast of the United States; has saved one hour and 36 minutes, and therefore a great amount of fuel, on the journey.

The cost for an individual flight plan is about £21, but a programme of plans is much cheaper.

A medium sized airline based in the United States was already saving £400,000 a year by using the system, executives of Mem-rykord and Jetplan said. In a test period lasting 12 months in the United States, airlines, business aircraft owners and the military had saved more than flm, equivalent to 4.5 million gallons of aviation fuel.

The United States Navy was saving up to £30 an bour on its long-range, anti-submarine re-connaissance aircraft flights with the P3 Orion aircraft. Captain B. G. Cramp, choir-man and joint managing director of Memrykord, said vester-day: We are ready to slate Americans for their gasguzzling cars, but they are ex-ceedingly tied to saving aviation

" Here in Europe we are only just getting to grips with this problem."

More funds for social care urged

By Ian Bradley

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Although they have greatly increased in number and importance in recent years, voluntary organizations dealing with social and besith care are still seen as marginal by the statutory services, according to the anthor of two studies on the subject published today.

Mr Stephen Hatch, head of the voluntary organizations research unit at the Policy Studies Institute, said at a meeting to launch the publications last Monday that only 1 per cent of the budget of local social service departments went to voluntary organiza-tions. Yet they were often more cost-effective than statutory departments in the ser-

vices they provided. He said: "At present, the state is regarded as the centre of the caring universe. But all the evidence suggests that in fact the centre is the informal caring system provided by family, neighbours and voluntary bodies. The statutory system is often unproductive and there should be a different allocation of resources, with more public financing for the voluntary and informal sectors."

Mr Hatch's book, Outside the Mar Hatch's book, Chashae the State, is a study of the work of voluntary organizations in three English towns. In the towns studied, 38 per cent of the voluntary organizations in existence in 1978 had been formed since 1971. The study also found that there had been an 8 per cent increase in organizations between 1975 and 1978. Many of the new organiza-tions were mutual aid groups rather than traditional philan-

Mr Hatch has also edited a amphlet, Mutual Aid and ocial Health Care, which is the first publication of the newly formed Association of Researchers in Voluntary Researchers in Voluntary
Action and Community Involvement. The association,
which has just appointed a
partitime general secretary, has
about a bundred members, about a hundred members, most of whom are academics universities and

The pamphlet focuses on the work of two mutual aid groups, Gingerbread (for one-parent families) and Alcoholics Anonymous, and also looks at self-help in both mental health and conventional health care. Outside the State (Croom Helm 5795)

Mutual Aid and Social and Health Care (Bedford Square Press, £1.95).

i Divorced parents' school plea

By our Education Correspondent

New rights, proposed in the Education Bill, for parents to be given fuller information about schools and their children's progress, should be extended to non-custodial parents in cases of divorce or separa-tion, the Families Need Fathers Society said in a statement yes-

The statement refers to a recent survey carried out by the National Children's Bureau. It indicated that children from broken homes were up to six months behind in educational standards by the age of seven, and up to a year behind by the time they were 11.

The survey said that was primarily caused by fathers being unable to help children with their education and to the fathers failure to attend school functions, the society says.

After divorce or separation the statement continues, both parents should be given the right to receive details about school events as sports day and plays and information about examination results, homework policy, disciplinary procedures and choice of sub-jects. The non-custodial parent should also always be sent a copy of the child's school report.

A recent survey of the society's members showed that the attitude of head teachers towards the rights of the non-custodial parent varied widely, even within the same education

One member reported that he received a school calendar and report from his son's headmas-ter, but that his daughter's headmistress refused to supply that information. He was re-fused access to both children. Another member said he had access to his child but the school refused to supply reports, in spite of frequent re-

Independent schools were often found to be more cooften found to be more co-operative in supplying reports and information than main-tained schools. Many local edu-cation authorities argued that non-custodial parents took no interest in school events, but that was because they were rarely kept informed about the dates of those events, the society says.

society says. It was not right for an educa tion authority to alienate a parent from his or her children. The Department of Education and Science was failing in its duty if it allowed such a situation to continue.

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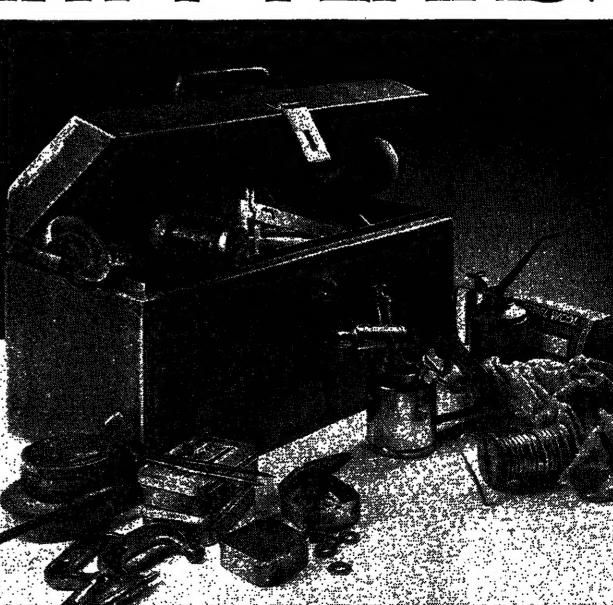
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Census forms unlikely to include race question ethnic groups must be as thorough and up-to-date as pos-sible if policies are to be properly shaped to meet needs

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Unless there is a last minute change of heart, it looks as if arguments to persuade the Government to include a question. tion on a person's race or ethnic group in the 1981 cen-sus have failed.

Haringey, London. Figures for the test as a whole (not just the racial question) showed that completed forms were retained by only 54 per cent of households. A decision must be announced soon if the census is to be taken. If the Government goes shead without a question on race, it will mean it has accepted advice from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, but rejected arguments of the Commission for

Racial Equality. Its chairman, Mr David Lane, has strongly advocated the inclusion of the ethnic question. He says information about

taken to count people in a cen-sus by race or as being ethnically different. Purse thief jailed

of various groups, ethnic minorities.

The OPCS ran a test in Haringey, London. Figures for

of households.
The original proposals to count non-white people in the 1981 census represented a significant change in British official artitudes towards race relations. If the question were to be asked, it would be the first time a decision had been when the count people in a central people in a people in a

Footballer injured A woman who stole a purse containing 50p at an hotel was jailed for eight months at Marlborough Street Court yesterday. Martha Nicola, aged 26, of Winstern Street Union Holloway. Sammy Irvine, Stoke City Football Club's midfield player, was taken to North Stafford shire Royal Infirmary with serious head and facial injuries after his car his a tree near combe Street Upper Holloway, London, admitted stealing the after his car hit a tree near Newcastle-under-Lyme on Tuespurse. She had two previous convictions. day night. His condition yester-day was described as "fair".

By Nicholas Timmins
The London Borough of Hill-ingdon lost an important test case when the High Court ruled case when the High Court ruled yesterday that it did have a duty to house an Ethiopian refugee and her son aged eight. Hillingdon council had refused to house Mrs Sophia Streeting, aged 24, under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1977, because she did not have a local conversion with have a local connexion with any housing authority in

Mr Justice Griffiths, sitting with Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said Mrs Streeting was in the country legally and he was wholly unpersuaded that words should be read into the Act limiting its application to those with local connexions.

He added: "In my view a homeless person includes a person who has no local connexion with a housing authority. I reach that conclusion with satisfaction, because if anyone needed the succour of this Act, it is this young woman and her child, homeless refugees in a strange country.

Mr John Watts, leader of Hillingdon council, said after the judgment that the council would be asking the Government at a meeting next Wednesday for a change in the law to remove from it the burden of housing families who arrive

meless at Heathrow airport.
The council is also considering an appeal. Mr Watts added: "Our contention is that it is unreasonable for any local authority to have imposed on it responsibility for housing people who have no connexion with the area.

"Central government should not allow people into this coun-try without first making adequate provision for their

be a burden on the ratepayers of Hillingdon simply because we have Heathrow airport in

He said that the council had about 35 "airport families" in temporary accommodation. Next year's budget had pro-vision for an extra £125,000 for bed and breakfast accommoda-nion, largely for such families, at a time when £6m was being cut from expenditure to keep plied to Hillingdon for housing the rates down. The council had had to house 250 families in the past four years and was spending about £3,500 a week on bed and breakfast accom-modation. It was "an intolerable burden on our ratepayers ".

The decision was, however, welcomed by Mr Ian Martin, general secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. He said Hillingdon had behaved irresponsibly in using the victims of circum-stance to publicize its difficulty.

There was an area of argument about who should fund the housing of the small minority of immigrants who arrived without the means to support themselves. Central pared to accept virtually any responsibility for that, with the exception of the Ugandan Asians. What was needed was a sensible set of arrangements between local and central government over the financial responsibility.

Mr Justice Criffiths said he sympathized with local authorities such as Hillingdon which were near ports and airports. It was bard that they had to bear unaided the burden placed on them by the Act. But immigration controls would prevent an influx of all and sundry into

Mrs Streeting came to Britain last year from Greece for the funeral of Mr Alan Streeting an engineer who had been working in Libya and with witom she had been living. She plied to Hillington for housing under the Act in June. Since then she has been maintained in hed and breakfast accommodation by the council at a cost of about £2,000:

She was refused re-entry by She was refused re-entry by Greece, and was unifile to return to her native Ethiopia, and in November last year was granted refugee status by the Home Office. She said after yesterday's judgment that she was very happy and hoped she would be given a flat. She hoped to find work in a factory.

Her coursel was siven leave.

Her counsel was given leave by the court to soply to have her right to housing enforced, should Hillingdon not comply.

Mr Terence Dicks, chairman of Hillingdon housing commit-tee, said that the judgment did not mean that "as from tomorshe will be given a nice two-bedroom council house. You can forget that idea."

The council was meeting its legal obligation by outting a roof over her head. He added: "She will be considered for permanent housing along with everyone else. She will be given no priority as a result of to-day's action."

The council has a waiting list of just under 2,000, with 70 to 80 families in hed and break-fast accommodation.

J. B. Priestley, OM (left) with George Coppard, author of "With a Machine Gun to Cambrai" at a reception yesterday to launch the hard back edition of the book. Right: Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton with Vickers MkI.

can sue over tax amnesty

Small businessmen angered by the tax amnesty granted to Fleet Street's 6,000 casual printing workers won the right in the Court of Appeal yesterday to sue the Inland Revenue over what they regard as an illegal and unfair decision.

The court ruled by a two-toone majority that the 50,000strong National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses had a sufficient interest in the case to entile it to bring proceedings.

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said the Revenue claimed that no one had any legal standing to go to court and complain of its actions. He ruled that it was open to a representative body of taxpayers to complain to the courts and seek a declaration as to the rights or wrongs of the matter. The Revenue, said to be los-

The Revenue, said to be losing film a year through tax
syasion by the printing
workers, had declared a preApril amnesty in 1977 in the
hope that a new tax collection
system could be introduced
"by general agreement rather

man by signing for pay packets with names such as "Micky Mouse of Sunset Boulevard"

Businessmen | NF asks to speak on public order

By Ian Bradley The National Front has asked to be called to give evidence to the parliamentary committee examining the working of the Public Order Atc, 1936. Mr Martin Webster, the

Front's national activities orga-nizer, wrote on Tuesday to Mr Roger Willoughby, clerk to the House of Commons Select Com-mittee on Home Affairs. In his letter he said: "We are surprised and disturbed that the

committee has not, so far, seen fit to invite the National Front to appear before it to submit evidence and proposals for the amendment of the law in the interests of public order".

Mr Webster's letter points out that much of the press and

demonstrations has centred on events that have taken place before, during and after marches and demonstrations held by the National Front.
The letter also notes that
"the committee has invited evidence and comment and pro-posals for the amendment of the law not only from police authorities but from bodies like

partisan entities". Mr Willoughby sald yester-day that any interested body was welcome to submit written evidence to the committee. On had so far taken evidence from the Home Office, the Police Federation, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Met-ropolitan Police and the Com-mission for Racial Equality. It mission for Racial Equality It was also planning to hear evi-dence from the Local Authori-ties Association and the National Council for Civil

the Commission for Racial Equality and other politically day that any interested body was welcome to submit written evidence to the committee. On the basis of that evidence the committee would decide if it whitsun.

the long-distance terminal build-ing has to be limited. Some said that they thought improvements were solving traffic flow difficulties effectively. The sirports authority asked last night: "How can we pin Liberties

thought it likely that the com-mittee would want to hear evi-

Man accused of drugs aid to

A man has appeared in court in the Republic of Ireland on

club owner.

The court hearing late on Tuesday night came after the discovery by Irish police last December of almost film of drugs and drug-making equip-

At a special court in the village of Hospital, co Limerick, Donal Ryan, aged 29, of Knock-long, co Limerick, was accused of siding and abetting James Humohrevs Michael Reginald Ridgley to

produce controlled drugs The offence was alleged to have been committed between September, 1978, and Decem-ber, 1979, in Knocklong and other places in the Irish Re-

Mr Ryan was remanded on bail to appear at Askeston Dis-trict Court. co Limerick, today.

Guernsey homes

Guernsey MPs last night agreed to adjourn until March 12 their debate on the proposed law to control the occupation of housing, because 21 emendments have been unbled.

Mr Roydon Falla, president of the Guernsey Housing Authority, had said that without continued control "there might be such an influx of people that all the available houses and building land would

Law Report, page 12 Festival to take over York Settlement Minster for a day in June

By Martin Huckerby

As part of the York Festival and Mystery Plays, the whole of York Minster will be taken over on June 14 for a day of secular entertainments, with play the part of Christ. singing, dancing, tumblers, fencers and children's games in the aisles.

The festival is staging a media reenactment of the entry into York in 1483 of Richard III. cleared and throughout the day common to medieval fairs.

appropriate costume will proinstrumental music, drama, singing and dancing, and craftesmen will be at work on different stalls displaying but not selling medieval wares.

Acrobats, jugglers and other entertainers will perform in the sisles, and the Court of Pie Powder will be reenacted, with thieves and vagabonds being arraigned. The organizers of the festival said that the minster's Dean and Chapter had

will be provided by the York mystery plays, being staged with more participants than on By Our Education previous occasions, with about

300 local people taking part. The only professional actor will Patrick Garand, the director of the plays this year, said he

hope dto adopt a style reminiscent of Breughel's paintings, eval spectacular, preceded by full of vigour and turbulence. Sheep, mules, processions, fireworks and a series of bands All seats in the minster will be will feature in the production. The plays are being

the first time they have been when patronage was provided by the city guilds.

The festival from June 6 to 30, will cost about £300,000. Other events include a performance of Walton's Belshazzar's Feast in the minster; concerts by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, with James Galway, and the Bavarian Symphony Orchestra under the festival said that the minter's Dean and Chapter had
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of £250 over boy's caning

Correspondent
A builder has won a £250 outof-court settlement and £300 towards legal costs from an independent school which he claimed had administered ex-

cessive corporel punishment to his son, causing him serious physical injury.

Mr Reginald Wilmot said that his son Jonathan, now aged 15, was unable to sit down for a counter of days, and unable to couple of days and unable to lie on his back for a week after he had been given two strokes of the cane just over a year there will be a variety of sponsored by the Midland ago by the deputy headmaster events on the times of those Bank, with a £20,000 donation.

> matter up with his local MP. Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Sec-retary of State for Education. away from the school immediately after the caning. The school had sued him for one term's fees, then £210, but had later dropped the claim, he said. The Society of Teachers Op-posed to Physical Punishment said that it hoped Mr Wilmot's success would encourage more parents to come forward and protest about beatings. Many parents were afraid that their

and "Sir Gordon Richards of Tattenham Corner". Yesterday's ruling that the federation has a right to challenge the legality of the amnesty is to go to the House of Lords for an appeal by the Revenue. Lord Denning and Lord Jus-tice Ackner allowed the federation's appeal against a High Court decision that it was not entitled to bring proceed-ings against the Revenue. Lord child would suffer further "vic-timization" if they complained. Law Report, page 12 Justice Lawton disagreed.

Damages for iournalist and publishers

The publishers of The Sun and a journalist, Mr Harry Arnold, yesterday accepted undisclosed damages and legal costs in settlement of a High Court action in London over a motor magazine article.

News Group Newspapers had sued Haymarket Publishing Ltd and Mr Quentin Spurring, pub-lishers and editor of Autosport, alleging libel.

than against a background of opposition".

Some casual workers were said to be defrauding the taxman he signing for man he si in The Sun on the death of the racing driver. Ronald Peterson, in the 1978 Italian Grand Prix. Mr Arnold had questioned the safety of the track at Monza, and recalled that many drivers had died in Formula 1 racing in recent years. Autowritten in a "gleeful" manner, was an example of the "callous methods used by The Sun to gain readers ".

Suggesting that Mr Arnold had distorted the facts about a Spanish Grand Prix accident in 1975, Autosport called on readers to treat The Sun with

Mr Gray said the article was a serious libel on Mr Arnold's professional reputation and was equally defamatory of the pub-lishers of The Sun.

Mr Geoffrey Shaw, for the defendants, accepted that the criticisms were unwarranted,

and apologized. The judge agreed to the record of the action being

Anger over plan to disband **BBC Scottish orchestra** was "an appailing prospect and a blow to all musicians in Scotland", he said. "We shall be fighting it tooth and nail. "Many of our students go on to become members of the orchestra, and some full-time

There was strong reaction yesterday to the disclosure that the BBC planned to disband their 69-member Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Dr David Lumsden, principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, said the decision was a devastating blow to the musical life of Scotland.

The executive committee said after meeting in Glasgow that after a full investigation of the facts, they would call a meeting with other incressed parties to concert further action to prevent the disbandment. They intend to seek support

from Professor Ian Sneddon, chairman of the committee that advises the Broadcasting Council for Scotland on music matters. He was said to be angry that his advisory commit-tee, which meets tomorrow, tee, which meets had not been consulted. Approaches are also to be

made to the Scottish Arts Council, the Scottish National Orchestra, Scottish Opera and Philharmonic Society

Dr Lumsden, who is a direc-tor of Scottish Opera, said that the Scottish Opera Orchestra had only recently been formed, largely because they could not not get the services of any other orchestra, and had other orchestra, and had recruited players, unaware that the BBC were about to axe their symphony orchestra.

doors are carved with religious scenes. Each of the doors of the lower cuphoard is divided

The auctioneers expected it to top the £10,000 mark. There

into two curved panels.

members teach part-time at the academy. For students it offers a fantastic opportunity which they do not get elsewhere." Dr Lumsden added: "It

would be a disaster for Scotand if the orchestra were to be axed, and I have sent a telegram to Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, a close friend, asking him to intervene to save

"One sympathizes with the BBC over having to save fim on its budget in Scotland alone. But £600,000 seems are enorhanding the symphony orchestra in relation to the BBC's other programmes, and surely other cuts could have been made without affecting to the same extent the cultural life of the

Dr Lumsden suggested that the BBC had got their priorities wrong. The academy would be pressing for an explanation and seeking information on speculated cuts in the educational

programmes. If the BBC Symphony Orchestra is disbanded it will be against the wishes of the Annan committee, which said: "We would not wish to see a national orchestra in Scotland or Wales abandoned".

down and provide answers to these allegations unless we know specifically what anyone is talk-ing about ? Certainly, nobody nwdown can avoid the usual procedure such as checking in and security EEC ca

e if you really want to by-pass the scrum, do not come to Heathrow at busy hours, par-ticularly weekends in summer, or use Garwick airport instead."

The 'jungle

Heathrow

pean Parliament that Heathrow airport. London, is "an absolute jungle" and "my idea of hell" brought a strong reply last night from the British Airports Authority.

The MPs were reported to

The MPs were reported to have made their comments in

a survey of reactions by pas-sengers using Heathrow fre-

quently by a company offering to conduct travellers through

the airport.

Mr Derek Enright, European

MP for Leeds, described Heath-row as a jungle and added; "I use it as little as possible. The

domestic lounges are grossly overcrowded. The staff are not

to blame. They cope extremely well with abominable condi-

tions. It must be an awful atmosphere to work in ".

Mr Christopher Jackson,
European MP for Kent, East,
said: "Heathrow approximates
to my idea of hell. I am always
in a rush when I use it and
find the long walks down inter-

minable corridors absolutely frightful ... MPs from the British Parlia-

ment interviewed in the survey called for "special ways of pass-

ing the scrum".

Not all of those interviewed were critical of the airport, which the airports authority admits becomes full at some

peak periods, so that the number of people passing through

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Flemish oak cabinet sold for world record £33,000 The sculpture depicts a monk the Old Bellows, Cheshire mounted with a frieze of birds cating grapes; the upper cup-board is flanked by caryatids and centred by a third and the

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A world auction record price for a piece of oak furniture was set in the town hall at Clare, Suffolk, yesterday when a seventeenth-century carved Flemish cabinet made £33,000. The top price previously paid was £17,000 for a Flemish oak cupboard at Christie's a year

The sale was held by Boardman Fine Art, the Suffolk suctioneers, who specialize in oak. The piece had been bequeathed to Girton College, Cambridge, and sent by them for sale. It is a relatively small cabi-

net, measuring 74 in by 56 in, with a small, two-door cupboard above a larger two-door cupboard, above a single drawer.

It is elaborately and finely carved. The whole is sur-

were several bidders around that price. Then two determined contestants fought it out.
It was bought by Mr Paolo
Brisigotti, a dealer in Westbourne Park, London. In Paris yesterday art works from the Far East reached prices quite unlooked for by

the auctioneers, Ader, Picard, Tajam. A Jananese wood sculp-ture dating from the thirteenth or fourteenth century, with traces of the original lacquer in red and brown, made 245,000 francs (estimate 15,000

not in the best condition, which made 108,000 francs (estimate 15,000 francs) or £11,500.

A sale held by Boscher et Gossart in Paris on Tuesday in-cluded the unusual feature of Red Indian feathered head-dresses. The top price was 7,600 francs (or £810) for a Tapirape pink, red blue and green headdress covering a woode mask.

In London yesterday Sothehy's Belgraria offered a richly ornate 1930s set of parcel-gilt walnut seat furniture, with gilded carving, cabriole legs and claw and ball feet; the 10 pieces in the set realized £4,200 (estimate £800-£1,500) to cent unsold.

scated in a red laquer chair dealers. They also paid £1,950 and is about four feet high. (estimate £200-£300) for a par-There was also a seventheenth cel-gilt walnut grand piano century cloisonne enamel bowl, matching the set of seat furniture. The sale of English fur-niture, European clocks and watches totalled £80,345, with 2 per cent unsold. A Norwegiian peg tankard

brought the top price in Christie's silver sale, making £7,200 (estimate £4,500-£6,500) to S. J. Phillips. It dates from 1684, weighs 53oz and is raised on engaging pomegranate feet. There was also an Italian large hot-water stand and cover surmounted by adetachable

Custody death figures 'jiggery-pokery'

Mr Peter Marshall, Com-missioner of Police for the City of London, has accused Mr Mihael Mencher, Labour MP for Oldham, West, of "statistical jizgery-pokery".

tially altered. The front-page report said that after a £1,300 post office robbery police were hunting a youth answering the description of "unboy Ding" (Ocestes

Babouris), who had £450 from an earlier robbery. Mr R. Adams, of Main Road. Sidcup, Kent, protested to the editor that it gave no evidence supporting the headling and no report that the vouth had been convicted of robbing the post office. A person was deemed

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innocent until found guilty by process of law, not by the Daily Mail, he said.

Mr Iain Mackie, the newspaper's assistant managing editor, said the report was published while the youth was still at large and the headline was based on police information.

Later that night the youth was still at large and the headline was based on police information.

Later that night the youth was still court the youth pleaded guilty to 11 charges and agked for 33 outher offences to be Later that night the youth was arrested, the matter became sub judice, and the report was

amended. Police had described the youth as "highly dangerous" to warn the public.

and sought maximum publicity Mr Adams said Mr Mackie was attempting to justify the lirst headline by events which took place afterwards, whereas

of a crime when he was pre-sumable as inapcent as any-

Complaint over 'Dino' headline rejected

In court the youth pleaded guilty to 11 charges and asked for 33 oother offences to be taken into account. He had admitted stealing £1,300 from the post office. the post office.

Mr Babouris, asked by the press council whether he wished to comment, wrote that it was pretty clear that he had robbed the post office. The council's adjudication

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Mr Mackie said the headline and story were substantially changed. The complaint against the Daily Mail is rejected.

given the project their full Oil terminal search for bomb

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh disposal specialists from tthe Royal Naval dockyard at Rosyth were on the way to Sullom Voe, Shetland, last night to investigate reports that warrime explosives might be lying on the seabed near the

Lieutenant-Commander John Belchember, mine clearance and diving officer on the staff of Flag Officer, Scotland, will lead a spot dive in Sullome Voe, where it is thought that a fly-ing boat sank during the war with a load of four 250lb bombs. The site is close to the channel used by oil tankers sailing to and from the terminal.

The possibility that explosives could be lying near the terminal was raised by Mr John Nankivell, aged 60, of Kidderminster, who was a member of 201 Flying Boat Squadron, based at Sullom Voe during the

He wrote to British Petroleum, operator of the terminal, recollecting how he dived into the sea to escape when his Saunders Roe aircraft caught fire at her moorings and sank. The aircraft had been armed

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Squadron records confirmed the sinking of the aircraft, but did not mention the explosives. A further search of the records is being made. Naval divers are studying photographs taken during the war by German reconnaissance aircraft showing the flying boats at their moorings. Mr Nankivell has been asked to

mark on a chart the spot where he dived into the sea. When fully developed Sullom Voe will handle 1.000 tanker movements and 60 million tonnes of North Sea oil a year.

'Superstar' run ending Jesus Christ Superstar, the longest-running musical in British theatre history, is to end its West End run at the Palace Theatre on August 23 after its 3,357th performance. It opened on August 9, 1972.

Bill to end ban on a marriage

By David Nicholson-Lord The breach wrought in the Biblical authority of Leviticus by contemporary morality was widened a little further yester-day when a projects engineer aged 61 and his stepdaughter overcame the first important parliamentary barrier to their marriage.

In a hearing lasting less than half an hour a House of Lords committee gave Mr Edward Berry and Mrs Doris Ward, ged 57, leave to introduce a personal Bill which not only sets aside the teachings of Leviticus on the "prohibited degrees" of marriage but, perhaps more significant, seeks to amend their modern derivative, existing British statute law.

existing British statute law.

The benefits will be theirs alone, however. The measure is grandly titled the Edward Berry and Doris Eilleen Ward (Marriage Enabling) Bill. Even if it receives the Royal Assent, other couples in a similar position will still have to make an application to the Lords an application to the Lords Personal Bills Committee. Personal Bills Committee.

The Bill's only predecessor was rejected by the Lords in 1947, but after yesterday's hearing Mr Berry remained unimpressed by the prospect of making legal history. "That was the last thing in our minds'," he said. "We had no idea anyone would be interested."

He added: "We decided we

tary urging them to proceed with a joint feasibility study in

a new national daily newspaper. They should also encourage self-supporting, as "the move-support for new provincial newspapers, it said.

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A new national daily newspaper would benefit society by serious setback to our aim.".

adding to the national dialogue The campaign, which is help-

Mr Berry and Mrs Ward after the hearing. would like to get married only about nine months ago. It seemed a straightforward matter. Then we began to realize all the problems." Among them was the Table

of Kindred and Affinity, which states that a mad may not marry his wife's daughter. The couple's complicated re-lationship arose after Mr Berry lationship arose after Mr Berry married Mrs Ward's widowed mother and assumed responsibility for her younger children, but not Mrs Ward. Both Mrs Ward's husband and Mrs Berry subsequently died, the latter in October, 1977. There is no blood relationship.

The couple live separately in terested."

London and do not wish to live
He added: "We decided we together unless they are mar-

If the couple's personal Eill passes the next big hurdle of a Lords second reading, it could be come law in about four months. Call for newspapers supporting Labour The Labour Party and the on industrial and economic ing with the forthcoming launch-TUC are being urged to join in affairs and by helping to ing of the East End News, a moves to launch more news- achieve a more balanced media local weekly newspaper in cast London suggested that a frunch-ing or development fund for papers supporting the Labour debate", the campaign told the The Campaign for Press Freedom has written to Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretaries, and Mr Ronald Hayward, the Labour Party general secretary urging them to proceed to be cheaper to be captured by the cheaper to be cheaper to be

ried. Mr Berry, described by a

local clergyman in a supporting

letter as a man of complete

integrity and Christian convic-tion, said it was a question of

Although the laws governing marriage to a spouse's relative

have been steadily relaxed since

1907, a Bill which would have

completed that process in cases

where there was no blood relationship, introduced last year

by Lady Wootton of Abinger, was not approved.

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should be set up.

A new national newspaper "must aim for journalistic ex-cellence, flair, vigour and cam-paigning seal. It must not be timid, sycophantic or subservient towards the leaders and incitations of the Labour movement or be inhibited from reporting critically on the move ment's own affairs", the cam-

new and existing newspapers sympathetic to the movement

custody in the City of London. "There were inquests on both and in neither case was

1:22ery-pokery ... As reported in The Times, Mr Meacher claimed last week-end that there had been 10.5 Graths in police custody per 10,000 arrests in the City of London from 1970 to 1979. Mr Marshall said yesterday:
These statistics leave me bewildered. The facts are that during the period 1970-1979 there were two deaths in police

any question of police impropriety raised. Over the

same period there were 19,072 arrests."

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Information available at the time of publication supported a Daily Mail headline, "Dino robs Post Office," the Press Coucil says in an adjutication today. It rejected a complaint that the headline was not supported by the news report.

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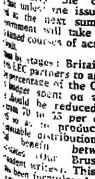
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Whisky producers expect bigger sales as EEC court rules against unequal taxes on spirits

Brussels, Feb 27

Scotch whisky producer, are hoping for a big expansion of their sales on the continent after the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg today found France, Italy, Denmark and Ireland guilty of illegal tax discrimination against imported spirits.

Colonel H. F. O. Bewsher, the director general of the Scotch Whisky Association, said: "The verdicts underline the long standing and blatant discrimination which Scotch whisky has encountered in these these important continental markets."

The association was expecting the governments concerned to accept the court's rulings and to take the earliest opportunity to amend their taxation systems so that Scotch whisky is taxed on the same basis as all other spirits.

"These four countries account for almost 12 per cent of our total exports. France and Italy are the third and fourth largest overseas markets for Scotch whisky, but in each country we have only a small share of the spirits market and there is much scope for im-

The court was unable to make up its mind in a fifth case in which Britain was accused by the European Commission of affording "indirect protection" to beer by taxing wine five times more heavily.

Although the court's nine judges dismissed a British plea that wine and beer could not be considered competitive. they were not convinced by the Commission's contention that the difference in tax had prevented more people from

that the difference in tax had prevented more people from drinking wine than would otherwise have been the case.

Both Britain and the Commission were instructed by the court to reexamine their arguments in the light of today's provisional ruling and to report back to the judges before the end of the year. The court will then pronounce the final verdict.

The court's rulings were

The court's rulings were een here as an important fillip for the Commission's sevenyear campaign to harmonize the level of EEC excise duties on wine, beer and spirits by taxing them according to al-cohol content. The aim would be to promote free trade.

France charges a higher rate of tax on cereal-based spirits like whisky than on wine-based ones such as brandy. For example, the tax on a bottle of Scotch is about £1 higher than on a similar bottle of connections. on a similar bottle of cognac.

In Italy the local grappa is taxed about 60p less than an equivalent bottle of whisky, while in Denmark 2 bottle of acquavit attracts £2.75 less in

From Our Own Correspondent

President Giscard d'Estaing spent 50 minutes on television

yesterday evening explaining

how France was seeking to put

the world to rights. It was a

spirited defence of his Govern-

ment's attempt to maintain détente with the Soviet Union

in the face of strong pressure

France, he said, must not become "the province of a superpower". It was not a

country that played to the gal-

lery and it did not believe that diplomatic action consisted in

multiplying shartering and

The policies of détente, he said, "in whose origins France

has played a large part", had certainly contributed for the past 15 years to the main-renance of beace. At present,

France's improving relations with Eastern European countries were modifying the state

To abandon these policies of detence "would plunge into despair a part of the popula-

tion of those European countries which are our partners in

the quest for détente". In his view, bilateral relations be-

view, bilateral relations be-tween France and the Soviet Union were retaining a pos-

Détente, however, presup-posed a climate of confidence

and at the moment the demands of security had to be

measured with much closer attention than before. France's

current action was to explore the direction of detente to see if there was a Soviet will to

pull its forces out of Afghanis-

In his view three conditions would have to be met to solve the crisis caused by the Soviet

presence in Afghanistan. These were the withdrawal of foreign

itive character.

from the United States.

pointless statements.

Paris, Feb 27

Giscard defence of

détente with Russia

Innocent readers may ask why, in a customs union, there should be any taxes on trade in spirits at all. The answer is that while customs duties have been abolished, member states will improve the states. still impose internal taxes such as excise duties and value added tax, at widely differing rates. In practice, their effect is indistinguishable from import duties.

Ronald Faux writes from Edin-

Ronald Faux writes from Edinburgh: Apres le mouton, le whisky. Thus might emerge the mext intransigent stand by France after the European court's decision.

It is thought likely that having made a stand on behalf of home-distilled interests, the erring governments will gracefully allow fair competition with imported products. Scotch whisky in particular. The most likely rebel is France, which last year imported £48.5m worth of Scotch with many indications that the drink would be even more popular if the be even more popular if the duty was not so high. The French argue that more

rigorous rules apply to the production of cognac. The fear of competition may encourage the Freuch Government to folacquavit attracts £2.75 less in tax than a similar quantity of Scotch.

The Irish were found to be in breach of Rome Treaty rules because they allow the precedent set by lamb imports, and ignore the court's decision. The ruling imposes only a moral pressure on the condemned country to comply rules because they allow the

that Afghanistan would not be a threat to its neighbours or become the focus of rivalry be-

Questioned on Europe, he said he believed it was begin-

ning to weigh on the inter-national scene. It was impor-tant that there should be a

unity of views which was why he attached so much import-ance to the Franco-German

As for as Community met-

iers were concerned be said

that it was not possible for individual solutions to be found to such problems as the sheepmeat and fishing arguments with Britain or on the

pean budget. "A solution must be found on all those dossiers

to be acceptable

On Africa he said it was

ment could continue. "That is

why France reacts to attempts to destabilize Africa, which are always inspired externally."

world, with deterrent force of 20 megatomes, and that it was the only Western country

The President was proud of the fact that France was the

statement on Afghanistan.

The President denied that

tween the super-powers.

Three years of church occupation celebrated

Paris, Feb 27 It is three years ago today

It is three years ago today since the French disciples of Mgr Marcel Lefebvre, the former Archbishop of Dakar and founder of the traditionalist seminary of Econe in Switzerland, took over the church of St Nicolas du Chardonner, in the Latin Quarter.

Since then Mass has regu-larly been celebrated there according to the pre-conciliar ricual of Pope Pius V, before a large and devout congregation from all parts of Paris and beyond. Mgr Lefebvre himself has come on several occasions and parts of Paris and beyond. to give confirmation to hundreds of children, in spite of the sentence of suspension pronounced against him by Pope Paul V, and of the pro-tests of the regular clergy and of the majority of the resident purishioners

They have protested on more than one occasion against the occupation of their church. The Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Marty, tried to find a compromise solution and offered the traditionalists a disused church on the Paris ring motorway. A mediator, Professor Jean Guit-ton, the eminent academician, was appointed to seek a way out of the deadlock, but gave

parishioners.

up in despair. The courts ordered the resti-tution of the occupied church to its lawful tenants (under the Law of Separation of 1905, the building is the property of the state). But it was all to no avail. The traditionalists refused to leave and the Paris authorities were unwilling to surborities were unwilling to stir up a hornets' nest by using the police to enforce the court's decision.

The occupation of the church continues, and the third anniversary was celebrated last Sunday by a solemn High Mass But much of the heat has gone out of the affair, partly because of the passage of time—for both sides, the occu-pation of St Nicolas has become an established if not a legal fact—and particularly because of the change in the whole atmosphere in the Cath-olic Church in France since the election of the "conserva-tive" Pope John Paul II.

The President denied that France had been weak in its attitude over Afghanistan. It would have been simple, he said, to align itself with the United States but that policy "ceased to exist since France would become the province of a super power. That is not what our history teaches us". Ouestioned on Europe, he The emphasis has turned from innovation and the ideas of the left-wing clergy, to orth-odoxy and the sanctions against theologians with advanced ideas, some of them French, who have been con-demned by the Varican. Mgr Duraud-Bourget, aged 83, a former chaplain of the Order of Make, and the moving spirit to the occupation of the church has adopted a deliber-

anely low key.

"All we ask now is that we should be left in peace", he

of things in Europe as a British demand for a reduction whole.

British demand for a reduction in its contribution to the Euro-"It is a question of commo sense and reason, for no deci-sion of the Church forbids the use of the rite of Pius V", he added. "At first we were "absurd" to say that France had been imperialistic in intervening in different countries. The only purpose had been to ensure peace in which developtreated like dirt, like an obso lete old creature who was about to die. But the old crea-ture has had grandchildren who are growing up

parishioners of have the church St Severin near by for their devotions. But the Abbey Bel-lego, the vicar of the parish, continues to say Mass in a school building close by, to asser his undiminished right to his church and in protest against the established fact of the occupation, which, he says, does not in any way legitimize

which had regularly increased its defence budget in real terms over the past five years.

He was also proud of France's role as "the country which does the most for human rights" since it and realcowed. 150,000 political There matters stand, and are Hisely to go on for a long time to come, for the solution lies in Rome, between the Pope and Mgr Lefebvre, and not in 150,000 political

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Is the world playing games with South Africa?

While the dispute rages over the Moscow Olympics, no one suggests that Soviet athletes should be penalised. They have competed freely (and rightly) at the Winter Olympics, and will not be cold-shouldered at future meetings elsewhere.

However, with South Africa it is the athletes themselves who are denied by the International Olympic Committee's boycott the ultimate goal of competing internationally.

Why? Because it is alleged that South African racial policies deny equal opportunities to black athletes. Today, this is quite simply, untrue. The controlling bodies of sport in South Africa are autonomous.

Their constitutions are non-racial and no barriers of a racial or other nature are imposed by the government. No laws deny the black player the opportunities of the white.

The sceptic may say: so what? The plain answer is that in nine months of 1978, 2.615 mixed sporting events took place, including 44 at international level. Since then, mixed sport has become so commonplace that statistics do not merit keeping.

South African athletes are being ostracised for political reasons, while the sportsmen of many other nations whose regimes and policies could be open to censure are free to compete internationally. Is this playing the game?

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Ministers prepare for showdown on EEC cash

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

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-club owner

Westminster Senior ministers are clearly bracing themselves for a show-down with Britain's EEC partners over the Government's determination to achieve a big reduction in this country's net payment of more than £1,000m to the Community budget.

It is hoped that a solution will be found at the next summix meeting of heads of govern-ment on March 31 and April 1. Daily, however, the language becomes tougher and there has been a significant change in the British stritude since the humiliaring retreat in Dublin in early December.

On Monday, in her Panorama interview, Mrs Thatcher mentioned the possibility of obstruction and of withholding some of the contributions that Britain made to the EEC if the deficit was not reduced. She added that that would go against Com-munity law and would be con-sidered only after all other matters were considered.

But yesterday Sir Ian Gil-mour, the Lord Privy Seal and spokesman on foreign affairs in the Commons, seemed to be hardening up the threat of retaliatory action

Asked what the Government would do if it did not get the desired reduction, Sir Ian first referred the questioner to the words of the Prime Minister and then added that there were two possibilities, namely obstruction and withholding of contributions. Those were two things that the Government would be loath to do because it was going for a solution, he told MPs.

From his answers, the Government would seem to be no enment would seem to be no longer talking about merely the possibility of reraliatory action. His words carry the clear threat that unless the issue is resolved at the next summit the Government will take one of two named courses of action, if not both. Reduction by stages: Britain is

sking its EEC partners to agree that the percentage of the Com-munity budget spent on agri-culture should be reduced in stages from 70 to 55 per cent by 1986 so as to produce a more equitable distribution of mancial benefit between member states (Our Brussels Correspondent writes). This re-quest has been formulated dur-

killing Briton

George Gordon Herrington, a Briton, in a bar.

The bar manager and another man were given suspended sentences of one year for their parts in the incident.—Agence

military forces from the country, the universal right of the Afghans to decide their Farmers need permission to Seven years for scare off protected geese

Draguignan, Feb 27.—Go-vanni Misitano, aged 36, was sentenced to seven years in jail for the 1977 (ata) shooting of

invaded by wild geese and the farmers blame the fact that the birds have been declared a Paris, February 27
Farmers round the Bay of Bourgneuf in the Vendée are protected species demanding the right to go on According to t According to the mayor of a wild goose chase. They com-plain that their winter crops are being destroyed by huge flocks of the birds which arrived Bouin, this protection has made the birds quite fearless

Thirty of the farmers have lodged complaints with the Mayor of Bouin, the main town in the area, and are asking for compensation through the pre-fect of the Vendee. They say that the birds, which normally feed on seaweed, have ravaged their crop of winter corn. This means they will have to refer-tilize the land and plant their

month ago from the Dutch

summer crop. This is the second time in the last three years that the area round the bay has been

He says that because it is illegal to shoot the birds he now is seeking authorization to chase them away by firing blanks at them. Meanwhile Mile

Barre, the mayor of Laz, in the Finisterre peninsula, has decided against a scheme that might rid her commune of the 15,000,000 starlings which have been destroying the crops there. She is hoping instead that local farmers may be given compensation for the destruc-tion of their corn crops and the pollution caused by the 15 tonnes of drappings left by the

Paris funicular even greedier than Concorde From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 27 The 50-seat funicular which

carries footsore tourists up the steep slope of Montmarte burns more energy for each passenger kilometre than does

passenger kilometre than does the 98-seat Concorde, according to a study by the Freuch Ministry of Transport. Its figures show that while Concorde uses 233.2 grams of petrol equivalent each kilo-metre, the voracious funicular consumes 224.2 grams cousumes 234.3 grams.

cousumes 234.3 grams.

The sight-seeing launches on the Seine come out best, using only six grams, while Paris buses average 19.4 grams, and private cars 59 grams

Trains are the chespest land method of transporting goods,

Lisbon mosque will renew centuries-old tie

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, Feb 27 The foundation store The foundation stone of Lisbon's first mosque since the Portuguese were liberated from the Moorish occupation in 1297 was laid here today on wasteland towards the north of the city. It will cost £2m.

To the noise of buildozers

breaking up the earth, Mr Tateb Bouazza, the Moroccan Ambas-sador, dwelt on the need to strengthen the centuries old links between Portugal and the



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Paris, Feb 27

M Raymond Barre was in top professional form today in the National Assembly. He tore strips off both M Georges Marchais and M François Minterrand, the Communist and Socialist Laders who intro-Minister three and a half years

ago.

He dealt ironically with their speeches which condemned the speeches which condemned the Government's allegedly cata-strophic record both in foreign and economic policy. "French foreign policy is not subser-yient to anyone." he exclaimed, in reply to M Marcheis' taunt that it was a policy of "sub-servience to American im-perialism".

The French economy was not adrift, he said replying to M Mitterrand, but had "recovered in depth and was better able to face up to the difficulties which assailed all countries in the world, including those of

Eastern Europe.

"To each his own truth," he said, dealing first with the alleged global failure of the Government's economic policy. The facts were that between 1976 and 1978, there had been a spectacular recovery of the balance of payments, a doubling of foreign currency reserves, a stabilization of the franc, an annual rate of growth of 3 per cent or more, a restoration of the productivity of firms, a renovation of the steel industry, a progress in purchasing power.

Price rises were limited despite the increased oil bill. The

industrial prices were liberated and there was an adjustment of fares and rates. There was a halt in the number of job seekers, in spite of 250,000 newcomers to the lebour market a year, and no reduction in the number of foreign workers.
"Certainly this amounts to

failure if men of great judgment and great political leaders say it is." he added ironically. " But I take all this criticism with serenty. It will not make me budge one inch from my chosen line of action. I have only one regret: that I cannot see my critics at work since in three

of La Vigilence, one of the

largest private security com-

panies in France. M Abdallah who is no longer

employed by the company, told

journalists yesterday that he had been paid 500 francs &£55)

to smash shop windows on March 23 last year, when a big

unemployment rally marched through the centre of Paris.

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have never seen fit to give them
a chance to show their talent."
The nation's oil bill had been
described by M Misterrand as
the Government's universal
alibi. "If it is an alibi, it is a
cast iron one," M Barre said.

"When I am told that I did not foresee the continued rise in oil prices, or understand the mechanisms of inflation, I mechanisms of initation, I like to ask the following question: Why in 1976 did I lay so much stress on the root causes of inflation, on the excessive rise in incomes, on a strict budgetary policy, if it was not that I feared enother rise in oil prices.

The nation's oil bill had increased from 11,000m francs (£1,222m) in 1973 and 110,000m francs in 1980. "All arguments that do not take into account the central part played in our economy by the rise in oil prices are derisory."

In 1976, the increase in wages and purchasing power wages and purchasing power was excessive and dangerous. It threatened France with British or Italian style inflation. From 1976 to 1979, the increase in incomes had slowed down, without any fall in purchasing power. Why? "Because French workers saw it was in their interest. They trusted the language of common sense more than demagogic promises. Because the huge forces of productivity of industry were released; and because French managers rationalized production and made an exceptional tion and made an exceptional effort to export.

The liberation of industrial prices was not a liberal gamble (as M Mitterrand described it), but ridding the French economy of a yoke

The extraordinary session o Parliament, begun on Monday, was called to debate the agricthe Senate did not have time to discuss in December.

Both opposition motions of censure are bound to be lost, because the Guallists have announced that they will not sup-port them. In fact, both the Gaullists and the Giscardians decided, as in the case of pre-

Union traces France brings back 'agent' from **VE Day**

mass protest

From Our Own Correspondent
The French communist trade
union federation, the CGT,
claims to have conclusive evi-France is once again to cele-brate VE Day. After four years of cerentonial abstinence, on the orders of President Giscard d'Estaing the armed forces will dence that employees of a private security company have been used as agents provocaagain go on parade " to recall to the youth of France the victory of liberty and democracy".

Mozambique and it has not hesitated to sharply rap over the knuckles the Maputo Governbers at three protest rallies last year enabled them, they say, to trace M Gerard Abdallah aged 30, an employee

traditional celebrations after taking the salute at the thirteenth anniversary parade on May 8, 1975.
His reason, as he then ex-plained in a letter sent to the leaders of other countries in the

EEC, was to show "our deter" mination to organize our peaceful future together". He asked for a suitable date to be sugcould celebrate " the foundation of Europe"

On their occasion riot police charged in with tear gas grenades and batons after a number of shop windows were broken in the Place de L'Opéra. There has been no official No such date ever materia-lized, but what was manifest was a widespread French dis-approval of doing away with the OVERSEAS.

S Africans watch election with concern

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Feb. 2/ South Africa awoke today to the awareness that the penultimate white frontier on the so-called dark comment has fallen.

For whatever the outcome of the elections in Rhodesia it

ror wastever the outcome of the elections in Rhodesia it will mean that by next Tuesday, when the results are declared, South Africa will have as its northern neighbour a black government which will be lostile, to a greater or lesser extent, depending on which faction, party, or coalition wins. But certainly hostile.

Only one white barrier remains to prevent what Mr Pieter Botha, the South African prime minister, has called the total onslaught against his country. That is South West Africa/Namibia where another three South African deaths in the bush wer against guerillas of the South West African People's Organization (Swapo) were announced today.

People's Organization (Swapo) were announced today. South Africans of all colours were today watching the start of the Rhodesian poll with more intensity and concern than their own—which, in the case of white elections for Parliament, have a predictable

The South African Government has clearly made contingency plans to cover any our-come in Rhodesia.

Last week it deliberately leaked to local military correspondents that it was prepared to send troops back into Rhodesie, no matter whether they were invited, if chaos ensued after the election, sending a flood of refugees towards its borders.

Informed sources in Pre-toria, South Africa's military headquarters said South Africa would not stand by if an un-

consrolled refugee situation developed.

It is clear that a "hawks" versus "doves" argument is developing in South Africa with the Prime Minister being pressed hard by some of his military advisers to take offensive action as soon as it is clear that a pro-Marxist Nkomo or Mugabe regime is emerging from the poll.

There is also wise counsel

There is also wise counsel suggesting that such a step could plunge the country into an escalating conflict with black Africa from which there be no turning back. Mr Botha has set himself a goal of bringing about a constellation of Southern African states, based on the independent black homelands within South Africa's proper borders but which are seen, at the end of the prince drame as explosions.

which are seen, at the end of the pipe dream, as embracing neighbouring countries which would achieve more by living with prosperous South Africa than by confronting it. 3 ment for harbouring African Nationalist Congress (ANC) guerrillas who have begun to infiltrate into the Northern

Natal Province. General Peter Walls, the Rhodesian commanders is reported to have visited both Cape Town and Maputo on his own institutive during the last

supported coup or armed inter-vention by South Africa should He is understood to have told the Mapuro Government that Rhodesia's whites would abide by the result of the election and to have stressed to South Africa that any action it might consider at this stage either in Rhodesia or Mozambique could only have disastrous consequences. the come to power.

The British have reacted coolly to Mr Mugabe's suggestion. At present it is still the intention of Lord Soames and his administration to withdraw from Salisbury as soon as pos-sible after independence.

Election on his mind: Salisbury voter ponders the shape of things to come. Lord Soames asked to stay on if Mr Mugabe is Zimbabwe leader Mr. Mugabe's proposition

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Feb 27
Mr Robert Mugabe, leader of
Zanu (PF) has privately asked
Lord Soames, the Governor of
Southern Rhodesia, to remain
here for some time after independence, should his party
form the first government of an
independent Zimbabwe, according to informed sources.

The suggestion was made
during a meeting between Mr doverails with moves to start integrating units of the Zanla and Zipra guerrilla armies with the Rhodesian Security Forces while at the same time allowing the Rhodesian forces to establish a presence in the guer-rilla assembly areas.

Zanu (Pf) sees such moves as providing a safety valve against any attempt by the Rhodesian Security Forces to attack the assembly areas if his

during a meeting between Mr Mugabe and Lord Soames yes-terday—a meeting later des-cribed by Mr Mugabe as being party comes to power.
The question of integrating the guerrillas and security It is understood that Mr Mugabe, who left suddenly this evening on a visit to Maputo forces was discussed at a secret meeting between Mr Mugabe and Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, commander of combined

and Dar es Salaam, would like Lord Soames to remain during the crucial period immediately following independence, prob-ably for about two to three also the main subject discussed when General Walls and Mr Ken Flower, the head of Rho-desian intelligence, held secret He believes Lord Soames would have a role similar to that of the late Lord Mount-batten after India became inde-

desian intelligence, held secret talks with senior members of the Mozambique Government in Maputo last Saturday.

The Rhodesians' visit was made at the Mozambicans' request. For their part, General Walls and his colleagues wanted assurances from Mozambique that the Frelimo Government pendent and would discourage possible attempts to overthrow his government by force.

Mr Mugabe is concerned about the possibility of a white that the Frelimo Government would accept the result of this

against Zanu '(PF)

encourages

week's election. Until the casefire started last month Mozambique had provided bases for Mr Mugabe's Zanla guerrillas and the Rhodesians fear President Samora Machel might offer similar facilities should the result go

Soviet response

Foreign Office

Union. Occidental Petroleum is

Union. Occidental Petroleum is involved in a multimillion dollar deal in which it delivers phosphate in exchange for ammonia. On Monday, Mr Carter imposed a total ban on the shipment of phosphate for use in fertilizers and feed sup-

plements to the Soviet Union.

Dr Hammer said he believes the Soviet Union will not retaliate with a ban on ammonia export as long as there is a guarantee that longshoremen in the United States will not refuse to unload ships carrying ammonia to the United States.

— UPI

EEC hopeful: Scalor officials of the EEC meet in Rome today to define further the idea of making Afghanistan a neutral area (Michael Knipe writes). They will be attempting to reach agreement on the substance and procedures required for a proposal which could then be put to the other interested parties.

parties.

The neutrality suggestion was first put forward by Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, and adopted by the EEC Foreign Ministers' moeting in Rome last week. It calls for the withdrawal of Soviet forces and the neutralizing of the country under international guarantees.

There is clearly came satis-

There is clearly some satisfaction at the Foreign Office at what appaear to be indications of a positive response to the proposal from the Sovier Union. According to a report published by the Evening News the Kremlin has made what are described as "authoritative

described as "authoritative soundings aimed in Lord Car-rington's direction".

The Evening News report is presumed to have emanated from Mr Victor Louis, its corre-

spondent in Moscow who has been used by the Kremlin be-fore as a conduit for some of its

" authoritative

Frelimo military and political leaders sought an undertaking from General Walls that there would be no white coup attempt against a government headed by Mr Mugabe and no moves would be made by the security forces to attack the guerrille assembly

It is understood that General

Walls gave such assurances. The Mozambicans also expressed a desire to see the inguerrillas take place as quickly as possible. It was as a result of the views they expressed on this matter to General Walls that last night's meeting took place. Mr Rex Nhongo, the present at the talks which were held in Mr Mugabe's house.

General Walls expressed disappointment over what he believed to be Mr Mugabe's reluctance to press ahead with the integration moves. However, it is understood that Mr Mugabe blamed the British Administration for the delays,
Mr Mugabe's proposal to
Lord Soames and his talks with General Walls represent a marked improvement in the political atmosphere in the country. The latest meetings also suggest that both the

British and Rhodesian authorities are now seriously considering the prospect that Mr Mugabe may emerge as the first Prime Minister of an independent Zimbabwe.

Frustrated deer

hunters shot

a man instead

US sees urgent need for Greece in Nato

Athens, Feb 27

The United States Government has informed the Greek leaders that it considers the military reintegration of Greece in Nato to be "vital for the West", in view of the impending death of President Tito of Yugoslavia which, combined with the Soviet invasion of Afgleritary invasors the need Afghenistan, increases the need to brace the alkiance against possible developments in the Balkans.

The Americans say that if General Bernard Rogers, the Supreme Allied Commander in Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, feels to work out a reintegration formula acceptable to both Greece and Turkey, they are determined to take the problem directly to Nato's political authority. If that, too, fails, they would seek to improve security arrangements in the area on a bifacteral basis.

Turkey has been blocking Greece's resum to Nato by Greece's return to Nato by claiming a share of Nato's naval and air command in the Aeşean which, until 1974, was assigned to Greece. Greece refuses to discuss any changes before rejoining the Nato military

The Greek Government an-The Greek Government announced on Friday that it rejected the Rogers formula, becausse it found its proposals for the Aegean prejudicial to Greek soversignty. However the dislogue was not closed.

Air Vice-Marshal Papaefst athiou, the Deputy Chief of the Greek Defence Staff, who conveyed the Greek objections to General Rogers, returned from Brussels on Friday with new ideas—if not a new plan—

considering. It is assumed that General

Rogers, who visits Ankara to-day, will convey to the Torkish political and military leadership his new ideas. his new ideas.

It may not be a coincidence, therefore, that his West German deputy, General Gerhard Schmückle, arrived in Athens today, ostensibly on a farewell visit. He is meeting General Gratsios, the Chief of the Defence Staff and Mr Vyron Theodoropoulos, the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, who is the main Greek.

General of the Foreign Ministry, who is the main Greek negotiator with Turkey.

The reopening of the Aegean air space to international civil aviation on a Turkish initiative, has increased hopes of a breakthrough in the Aegean deadlock, but Greek officials insist that they consider the bilateral Greek-Turkish problems and Nato reintegration to be totally unrelated.

A Greek Government spokesman responding to expressions of Turkey's wish to negotiate with Greece in good faith on all problems, including Nato, said: We, too, sincerely desire a solution. The difficulty is that our respective evaluations of each other's rights in the Aegean differ. Besides, we do

Aegean carrer, besides, we do not see the Nato problem as a Greek-Turkish difference."

The Greek opposition suspects that the recent developments relating to Nato and the Greek-Turkish disputes are part of a plan to bring Greece back into Nato without provoking account relatively rescriptor as strong political reactions at

Tehran hostages could be held until May

hostages held at the Uniced States Embassy in Tehran may be in captivity at least another two months. A senior Iranian religious leader said today that Parliament could not start dis-cussing their release before

Ayecutan Munemmad Beheshti, Secretary of the Revolutionary Council said that the Islamic Assembly, to be elected next month, would pro-bably open its debate about 10 weeks hence, Ayatollah Khomeini

statement last weekend, said it was up to Parliament to decide was up in Parliament to decide the terms for the resease of the hostages who have been held for 116 days by Muslim students demanding the return of the former Shah to Iran. The United Nations commission investigating Iran's grievances against the deposed monarch, today visited the Behesht Zahra cometery in south Tehran, where those killed in last year's revolution were

The panel of five lawyers from Algeria, France, Sri Lanka, Syria and Venezuela, carlier held a third round of talks at the Foreign Ministry. No details were disclosed.

About 2,000 people mobbed the commission members as

tery to their hotel. The crowd beat on their cars, shouting: "Death to the Shah". Dr Beheshti also referred to Tehran's view that its dispute with Washington could be re-

solved only when the United States had a change of heart

towards Iran. The Americans "must show that they have changed their policy fully", he He described as a "personal and private idea" the views on the hostages' release expressed by President Abolhassan Bani-

Sadr. He has said that the issue is separate from the extradition the Shah. Mr Bani-Sadr could only act according to the Constitution and within the framework of his

responsibilities, he said. About 20 Afghan students today broke into their country's embassy in Tehran to protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. They were ejected after about half an hour by relice and Revolutionary

In the city of Zahedan, close to the Afghan border, people demonstrated today to demand that the Soviet Union withdraw from Afghanistan, the official Pars news agency reported.-Reuter.

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French agree to sell more Mirage jets to Pakistan

Islamabad, Feb 27
France will allow Pakistan to increase its order of 32 Mirage jets to 50 if finance is available,

M Olivier Stirn, the French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs said here today after two days of talks.

Talking to journalists before leaving Islamabad, M Stirn said Pakistan continued to place reliance on France for the supply of air force and naval equipment. He did not say where he expected the finance for an increased order to come from.

Oroville, California, Feb 27.— Two hunters who became frus-trated in their search for deer and shot dead a black man in-stead were sentenced to 25 On the question of providing years to life in prison.
Judge Jean Morony said
James McCarter, aged 20, and
Marvin Noor, aged 19, had
"shown wanton disregard for
life". Both admitted murdering
a deaf man they did not know
because they failed to find a nuclear reprocessing equipment to Pakistan, he said the French reply was neither yes nor no. The proposal for such a deal did not conform with the revised French-Pakistan agreement or with French policy. However, he said he hoped deer or cow to shoot.—UPI. that the position could

Mr Stirn said that France agreed with Pokistan that Soviet forces should leave Afghanistan. France believed that after such a withdrawal, the Aighan people should be given the right to choose a political system for their country. The super powers should guarantee the neutrality of Aighanistan.

Mr Stire reaffirmed that France was opposed to impos-ing sanctions against the Soviet

He said he had impressed on Pakistani officials the need for improving relations with India. France had offered to in-crease economic aid to Pakistan from F250m (about £25m) to F400m (and proposed to double food aid of 250 million tons of wheat and other assistance for Afghan refugees.

Special status needed' to protect journalists From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Feb 27

The commission's report, which was published last week, contains a section on the protection of journalists which, in a dissenting note, Mr MacBride himself said did not go far enough. There was, he said today, a need for journalists to organize themselves with their own commission and for them to have a special status.

Journalists, he said, were going to be under increasing pressures and influences, and

pressures and influences, and these did not come solely from governments. Owners were to blame as well. "I should hate to be a journalist employed by
M 'Hersant or Mr Mordoch',
he said, referring to M Robert
Hirsant, owner of Le Figuro, a
Paris morning newspaper, and
Mr Rupert Murdoch who runs

down-marke publi-in Britain and Australia.

Journalists were extremely ill-organized and did far too little to protect themselves, Mr Sean MacBride, president of Unesco's Commission for the Study of Communications Problems, said here today.

He told the Anglo-American Press Association that proportionally more journalists were killed or imprisoned every year than any other professional group, but that they still did nothing to protect themselves. Australia.

He sought to answer critical "deceptive and double-dged" and that it meely gave Unesco backing to regimes who wanted to suppress critical news. On the contrary, he said, the report was "the most advanced document ever organization that has been published to protect the freedom of the press and the freedom of the journalists".

Personally he had been sub-

Personally he had been subrersonally he had been sub-jected to more personal attacks—one on the basis that he liked garlic—since he had presided over the commission than ever before in his long career. Yet all he was seeking to do was improve the journa-list's tatus and working condi-tions.

tions.

He also criticized reports of the commission's findings on the grounds that they had concentrated on the media and not on the important subject of communicating with the people. On this he advocaed the establishment of a United Nations radio network, broad-Nations radio network, broad-casting 24 hours a day in 30 languages to compete with the 1,200 hours a week of trans-missions by 30 Countries in 100

Pollution teams fight oil from wrecked tanker

From Our Own Correspondent Athens, Feb 27

A large slick of bituminous oil measuring about 20 miles by four miles, is threatening the coastline of south-western Peloponnisos near the Bay of Pylos where the Greek tanker, Irenes Serenade, caught fire and sank on Sunday with a cargo of 101,000 tons of crude

Pollution-control teams under the guidance of Dutch experts have managed to contain a smaller slick inside the bay and special craft now are 16covering the oil from the sea with chains of floating booms, The Ministry of Merchant Marine said tonight that the coast and beaches on the internal perimeter of the bay had been spared, but warned that the oil was still leaking from the sunken tanker which lies in silt at a depth of about

150ft.

The body of one of two ship's officers who were killed by the original explosion, was washed ashore. A Pylos boatman who, at the risk of his own life, rescued the remaining crew of 29 from the burning ship was today awarded the silver cross of the Greek Red Cross.

Your chance to acquire a superb original painting absolutely free. A simple competition in the latest issue of Shooting Times (28 February-5 March) gives you the chance to win a magnificent original painting by the talented young artist John Paley. Entitled "Labrador and Pheasant" it brilliantly captures the dramatic moment when a cock pheasant comes face to face with a handsome black labrador retriever at the edge of an autumnal copse. A work of art that will appreciate in value while you appreciate its beauty. And, even if you're not the lucky winner, the same issue contains a superbly reproduced free print of the same painting for you to treasure and think what might have been!

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more sensitive communications. Islamabad, Feb 27.-Soviet Price 40p and Afghan forces are believed to have begun executing Mus-lim religious leaders in Kabul. rebel sources said here.

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Senator Mr Bush fight on despite first reverses From Patrick Brogan Manchester, New Hampshire Mis elation was jury week ago, the opinior week ago, Senator Kennedy and Mr Bush fight on

Manchester, New Hampshire
Feb 27
President Carter and Mr
Ronald Reagan scored clear victories in the Democratic and
Republican presidential primaries here yesterday, in each
case winning half their party's
vote. The results were a severe
blow to their principal rivals,
Senator Edward Kennedy and
Mr George Bush. But in each
case the loser swore to concase the loser swore to continue the fight.

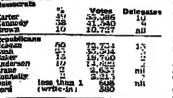
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The turnout was very high, 30 per cent above the 1976 figure in both parties. Out of a total vote of 108,219, Mr Carter won 49 per cent, Mr Kennedy 38 per cent and Mr Jerry Brown, the Governor of California, 10 per cent. After the results were announced Mr Kennedy said: "We got almost 40 per cent. Four years ago, 40 per cent. Four years ago, Jimmy Carter got 28 per cent and claimed victory, and we claim victory tonight."

Mr Brown announced yesterday that he would abandon the fight in the primaries that are being held in March, and would conserve his resources for the April 1 primary in Wisconsin, whose radical tradition, he hopes, will revive his chances.

Mr Reagan won 72,737, almost exactly half the 145,183 Republican votes cast. In 1976,

The unofficial result of The New Hampshire primary with all votes



he won 48 per cent to President Ford's 49 per cent of the vote. Mr Bush won 23 per cent only, far less than he, his sup-porters and the assembled army of the media expected. The local newspaper, the

Manchester Union Leader, has a big red headline this morning "Reagan devastates Bush" which seems a fair statement of the case.

Senator Howard Baker won Senator Howard Baker won 13 per cent and Mr John Androson, the Republican Party's only liberal candidate, took 10 per cent. Mr Philip Crane and Mr John Connally had 2 per cent each and Senator Robert Dole won too few votes (608) to register on the table. There were a few write-in votes for former resident Gerald Ford. When the results were known

When the results were known, Mr Reagen said "This is the first, and it sure is the best". He went a non say "Tomorrow, Nancy (his wife) and I are flying over so Vannont, and we won't

need a plane." Vermont is holding a primary on Tuesday. His elation was justified. A week ago, the opinion polls put Mr Eush well ahead of him and the last poll, prepared for the Boston Globe and published on Sunday put the two Sunday, put the two men neck-and-neck. Part of his success is undoubtedly due to his own vigorous cumpaigning, which he

continued until the last moment, In contrast Mr Bush, who had devoted far more attention to New Hampshire over the past two years, did practically no campaigning here in the past 10 days, believing that everything he could do had been done, and that his supporters should be left alone to turn out the vote.

left alone to turn out the vote. Mr Reagan's tactics were the opposite of those he used for the lowa campaign, leading up to the caucuses held there on January 21. He then held him-self aloof, as the front runner, refused to attend a debate with his rivals, and spent very little time in the states.

These tactics were recom-mended by his campaign direc-tor, Mr John Sears, who has the reputation of being the shrewd-est political operator in the Republican party. Mr Reagan lost Iowa to Mr Eush, and ignored Mr Sear's advice for the New Hampshire campaign, and ran flat our. He beat Mr Bush two-to-one and dismissed Mr Sears yesterday afternoon.

His new campaign director is Mr William Casey, a former Under Secretary of State, and not to be confused with the former director of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr Bush claimed, aftaer his Iowa victory, that he had "momentum". He then won the Puerto Rico primary and hoped to win here and roll up

the rest of the primaries. Mr Bush said last night: "We won two and lost one. Disappointed as I am, I am absolutely con-vinced I am going to win the nomination." He has clearly lost that magic momentum and can only recover it by doing well in the
Massachusetts primary next
Tuesday. The southern primaries that will follow a week
later, in South Carolina, Florida,
Cooping and Alabora, and the

Georgia and Alabama and then the Illinois primary on March 18 will probably be decisive for Ironically, he is still ahead of Mr Reagan in the number of delegates chosen or promised to him for the nominating conven-tion. First returns from the Re-publican caucus held yesterday

in Minnesota put him ahead of

Mr Reagan and there are twice as many delegates to be won

there as in New Hampshire and

to add to those he won in Iowa



In the Democratic caucuses, President Carter appears to have won a sweeping victory over Senator Kennedy. It is Vice-President Mondale's bome

Senator Baker and Mr Anderson claim that they are still in the race, and each bope that ners will be knocked out soon, allowing him to step up into second place. Neither did very well. Mr Anderson hopes to do better in liberal Massachusetts, and Senator Baker in his native South next month.

Their strategy is very like that of Senator Kennedy and Governor Brown. They are all hanging on in hope of a mirscle.

Mr Kennedy says that he will press on through thick or thin, even though the southern primaries will prove exceedingly

His long-term hope, like Mr Brown's, is the country's night-mare: an 18 per cent inflation

rate is intolerable and unless President Carter can bring it under control, he is doomed to defeat especially if his foreign policy successes fade. The policy successes fade. The measures needed to reduce inflation, which might well include the wage and price con-trols that Mr Carter has sworn not to invoke, would hart him

in the primaries. One clear contributing factor in Mr Bush's defeat was his behaviour last Saturday, at a debate between Republican candidates organized by the Nashua Telegraph, a newspaper in southern New Hampshire. The paper proposed a debate between him and Mr Reagan and he committed the organizers to exclude the other candidates, against Mr Regan's wishes.

He refused to meet them before the debate and it appears that the people of New Hampshire were affronted. However, with the state gov-Leading article, page 15 ernment dismissed, all powers

Janata leader resigns as party rift deepens over caste issue

Delhi, Feb 27
Mr Jagiivan Ram today resigned his post as leader of the Janata parliamentary party as public dissention within the leadership of India's former ruling party continued for the fourth consecutive day.

A party crisis had been brewing ever since last month's general election, when Mr Ram, who had hoped to become India's first Harijan (formerly Untouchables) Prime Minister, saw his party routed.

saw his party routed.

What set off the crisis was Mr Ram's refusal to consider, in order to oppose Mrs Indir. Gandhi, any form of electoral alliance with the Lok Dal Party led by Mr Charan Singh, h's But Mr Ram decided instead

on Sunday to clear the air by insisting that the Janta Party most solve the so-called "dual membership issue" if it is to have a future with India's

However, Mr Ram has been Janata party president, was still careful not to resign from the trying to find some formula to

party itself. Speaking to reporters today after announcing his decision, he insisted that the Janata Party must be "totally delinked" from the RSS (the Union of Selfless Servers), a Rindu upper caste cadre organization. cadre organization.

He objects to this dual membership because some of the former leaders of the Jana Sangh wing of the Janata have associations with the RSS and have even stated that they are proud of them.

Tonight, Mr Ram rounded on leaders such as Mr A. B. Vajpayee, the former Exzernal Affairs Minister, and Mr L. K. Advani,—both belong to the Jana Sangh wing—by declaring that "a majority of party workers and People in the country at large" would not be satisfied with anything less than their sundering all links with the Hindu cadre organiza-

with the Hindu cadre organiza-Mr Ram's resignation came while Mr Chandra Shekhar, the

prevent the party being rent apart on the emotional RSS issue. For this virtually draws a line between the party's Hindu higher caste members and those, concerned for the minority vote of the Muslims and Untouchables, who backed Mr Ram.

Mr Shekhar today accused Mr Ram of having shifted his position on the RSS issue inmmerable times underlining some of the party leadership's suspicion that Mr Ram is only seeking to exploit the issue for tactical reasons.

But Mr Ram also rebutted the unspoken suspicions about his riorives. "If anyone is play-ing Mrs Gandhi's game it is not those who raise the RSS issue within the Janata party," he said in his resignation state-ment, "But those who my to bypass it."

Janara must prove its commitment to democracy and secular-ism, the former Janata Deputy Prime Minister insisted, by tackling the RSS problem head

Queen Mary sinking in a sea of cash trouble

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, Feb 27

The Quren Mary has not set sail from Long Beach harbour since she dropped anchor there in 1967, but the old queen of seas is still in troubled waters as she has been for the past 13 years. There is word this week that she may be destined for the scrap heap.

Two years ago the City of Long Beach, owners of the ves-sel, which now is a hetel, museum and tourist attraction, put the financially floundering ship on the market. There was an early flurry of activity but this week Mr James McJunkin, general manager of the Long Beach port, said there had been no genuine bites from buyers and salts negotiations have petered out.

We have two choices ", said Mr James Gray, chairmen of the Long Beach Harbour Commis-sion. "We can keep the ship and continue losing money, or we can unload her for the scrap value of about \$3.5m (£1.6m)". A final decision must be taken by the end of June, he said.

During the last few months During the last few months there have been sales talks with Abram Prizker, owner of the Hyart hotel chain, and Mr Noble Soriano, head of a wealthy Philippines family. Another unidentified foreign group has also expressed interest in the ship.

ship.

We have not put a price on

Yelunkin said. But her". Mr McJunkin said. "But we must make up our minds what to do with her. We cannot procrastingle any longer.

The Queen Mary was saved from the scrap heap in 1967. when Long Beach purchased her from Cunard for \$3m, Since then the city, using oil funds. has spent another 575m to renovate her and turn her into a tourist attraction. But the ship's new career was never a successful one.

The port of Long Beach took over ber management in 1978 cuttin gthe \$2.2m annual de ficit to \$1.3m.

Mr McJunkin says he is still concerned about the rising costs of heating and cooling the ship which now runs at \$52,000 a month and will eventually reach S1m a year.

Not lon gago residents of Long Beach were asked what the city fother should do with the Queen Mary
"Tow it out to sea and runher as a gambling ship", one

man suggested.
"Tur nthe state rooms into
massage parlours, and see how
tourism will improve", said

One cynic declared: "Leave the keys in the ignition and hope that a thief might take her."

Common sense guide to drinkers in India's maze of drink laws next month here in Delhi, which is scheduled under Mr

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi, Feb 27

There are encouraging signs for those who drink—that the total prohibition policies of Mr Morarji Desai, the personal foible of an octagenarian Prime Minister, are being allowed to lapse. They are unlikely to be formally buried, but common it seems, win the day.

But for the moment where and when you can drink in India still continues to be decided by high and mighty in-dividuals or by the constantly changing Indian state politics.

There is evidence that even the unrepentant Mr Desai, who without bothering to consult his Cabinet in 1977 officially set his country off on a four-year phased introduction of total prohibition, is now aware of the changing attitude to alcohol.

His now ousted Government had decided last month, in the face of growing unpopularity, to relax its stringent anti-drink laws.

A few days ago, when talking to fellow prohibitionists in Gujarat, a dry state, the former Prime Minister prohesied doom to India if his policy was not strictly enforced. But Mr Desai is now only an ordinary citizen.

reversed to the governor, as fanatical a prohibitionist as Mr Desai. Though a nominated official, he has now scrapped all the reforms over the heads of the state's 50 million popula-

For the people who are sufficiently well to do to be able to afford to drink, there is still a chance to spend a weekend in nearby Pondicherry, where the "evil traditions" of a former French colony are still very much alive. The bootleggers of Pondicierry are naturally delighted with the governor's whims.

Nationally, Mrs Gandhi's Government is carefully avoiding giving any clear-cut guidelines on prohibition, while forgetting Mr Desai's costly promise to make up 50 per cent of all excise tax losses.

As a result Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bibar, the

three biggest Hindi states, sup-posed to be the most orthodox, have begun reversing, without much ado, their anti-drink policies started largely to ingratiate themselves three years ago with Mr Desai. Mrs Gandhi's own position on three

drink is eminently reasonable: no compulsion, but Government policy should educate the people about the risks facing them and

ing.
The crunch will come late

Desa's dispensation to go totally dry on April 1. Naturally, there has never been a referendum on whether a majority of the capital's three million population approved of prohibition.

prohibition.

Currently, the 178 dry days of the year are a racket if you have the time and money and want a drink badly enough; tours and bootleggers can always provide you with one. Corruption has merely entered the various Government corporations charged with retailing drinks, after Mr Desai decided that private retailers were not that private retailers were not to be trusted. In one Delhi market the head waiter of a local restaurant is famous for what he can "arrange". Alcohol, it should be empha-

sized, is in the Indian context today only a modest beer or at best Indian gin. Very lew can afford even Indian whisky, and Indian wine—a chemical con-coction which is almost undrinkable — is double or more the price of plonk in Britain.

But Delhi's excise councillor has now signalled that total pro-hibition is unlikely to be achieved due to the "unhelpful attitude" of the central Government. A demand to foot a big bill for the necessary enforce-ment squad for the capital bad

Israel-EEC rift over Jerusalem

From Christopher Walker

Jerusalem, Feb 27 A serious diplomatic dispute has broken out between the Israeli Government and the EEC Commission over the international status of Jerusalem and its suitability as a location for the Community's first office in

As a result of the disagree-ment, which has considerably strained relations, the EEC official appointed last year as the first representative to israel has stayed put in

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The dispute centres around the insistance of Israel that the new office be based in Jerusalem and the EEC refusal to take such a controversial step. which would cause a furore throughout the Arab world. Like most countries with embassies in Israel, the EEC Commis-sioners want their delegation

in Tel Aviv. Negotiations about the office are continuing, however, an Israeli official source confirmed

different because Egypt is a today. "What we are trying to do is to convince our negotia-ting partners in Europe that it sovereign state, Since Mr Begin's Likud Government came to power in 1977, it has been striving to would be desirable for them to have their office in Jerusalem ". According to the Israelis, the fact that the delegation would not be a regular diplomatic mission representing a state

Hostility rises in West Bank

after 40 vehicles damaged

mission representing a state meant special legislation to ensure its members full diplonatic immunities and privileges.
"We have told the EEC that it will be much easier to get this through the knesset if the envoy is based in Jerusalem", one official said.

In the view of European diplomatic observers, there is no chance of the Israeli request being accepted. As a result Israel's ability to present its economic case to the Com-munity will be seriously

weakened.
Senior EEC officials are
annoyed at what they see as
Israeli unreasonableness. particularly after the decision to allow Egypt to set up its embassy in Tei Aviv. The Israelis insist the argument is promote Jerusalem as Israel's legitimate and "indivisible" capital, Pressure is repeatedly

put on diplomats and foreign journalists to base their opera-tions in the city rather than in Tel Aviv. Ou the diplomatic front it has had little success. Only 13 embassies are based in Jeruembassies are based in Jerusalem compared with more than 30 in Tel Aviv. With the exception of Holland, the list of those recognizing Jerusalem as the capital is not impressive: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Holland, Pagama, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Venezuela. Last year the Government suffered a setback when Mr Joe Clark, then Canadian Prime Minister, was forced to renegue on his election promise to switch the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem.

threatened to occupy houses in the town

This morning Arab students gathered in Hashoul and stoned a Jewish-owned bus before Israeli soldiers intervened. In

recent weeks there have been frequent incidents in which Jewish settlers driving in the area have been stoned.

Later the Areb mayors of three other West Bank towns, Ramaliah, el-Birah and Hebron

arrived in Halhout to inspect the damage. They sent a tele-gram of protest to Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of

the United Nations.

Dayan call tor Israel withdrawal

Hamburg, Feb 27.—Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Israeli Foreign Minister, in an interview published today, called for an end to Israel's administration of the occupied West Bank and the withdrawal of its troops

He told the magazine Stern hat the zbolition of the

"Israel must then pull its troops out of Arab towns and allow them to build up local Arab police forces," he said.
"Secondly, we must allow them to create an independent Arab leadership elected from the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip Mr Dayan, hero of the 1967 war, resigned from the Govern-

Israel should take these measures without setting condi-

ments as they wished.

"The West Bank arabs recognized only the Palestinan Liberation Organization as their leoders and wanted independ-ence, Israel could not accept this and had to try to defuse the tension in the area with unilateral compromise.

Time was running out for Israel he went on. Large amounts of weapons were flow-ing into the Middle East and the situation in Lebanon was again becoming unstable. It was vital to seek new ways out of

from Arab towns.

Israeli military administration of the West Bank and Gaza Sario, captured in 1967, should be the first step towards achieving a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

ment last year in protest at its approval of new Jewish settle-ments in Arab territories.

He said that Israel's military presence in the Arab territories should be limited to border areas and stategically important points and troops should nor interfere in the running of Arab

tions or seeking Arab agree-ment. West Bank leaders would in any case refuse to negotiate except for full sovereignty The Arabs should be given full autonomy to run ed their own affairs and meintain administrative links with the Israeli or Jordanian govern-

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Dissident's son denies father was a burglar

Warsaw, Feb 27.—The younger son of Mr Edmund Zadrozynski, the Polish dissident, today recanted in court statement made to the police which he had incriminated his father as a burglar, Mr Jacek Kuron of the dissident Self-Defence Committee (KOR),

Mr Zadrozynski, a retired worker and editor of the claudestine magazine Robotnik (The Worker), is the principal defendant in a trial in Grudziadz in which six men, including his two sons are including his two sons, are accused of theft and related KOR recently protested pub-

dissidents as ordinary criminals.

It said the indictment again.
Mr Zadrozynski made him look
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Geneva, Feb 27

licly against what it called the authorities' attempts to jail

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, Feb 27

Tension between Jewish seriers and the Palestinian Arab majority on the occupied West Bank has been heightened by an incident in the village of Hafhoul last night in which about 40 Arab-owned vehicles were badly damaged in a raid. Their tyres were slashed and their windscreens and headlights smashed.

Arab residents blamed

Arab residents blamed extremists from Kiyat Arba, the Jewish settlement situated outside Hebron, near by, the scene last month of the murder of a young Jewish student. It is the second largest town on the Water Bank.

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The raid occurred less than a week before the Cabinet is committed to discuss putting into action its decision to allow Jews to settle in the centre of Hebron. A number of Kiryat Arba residents have already

Last Friday the Israelis refused to allow Mr Fawd Kawasna, the mayor of Hebron, to fly to New York to attend the debate. Mr Yehuda Blum, the Israeli representative to the United Nations claimed that the purpose of the mayor's trip would have been to lend sup-port to Israel's avowed enemies.

> was irresolute on the issue it would be writing itsel foff as being relevant to current cir-Another factor has been the presence in the public gallery for the past two weeks of relatives of people who have dis-nappeared in Argentina. The

received any official word on the fate of the abducted many of whom are presumed dead. Some undecided delegations, and the governments behind them, have no doubt been swayed by the reflection that if

they might one day be num-bered among the victims of what Mr Menno Kamminga, of Amnesty International, called: "The technique of letting poli-He said governments forme

rial is expected to end next week.—Reuter. UN step to impede political abductions Assembly, instruction that the firmly reminded by Mr Theodor commission act effectively on van Boyen, director of the the issue of disappearances. The United Nations Hucan Rights the issue of the Division, that if the commission is the commission of the commission

Assembly, instruction that the commission act effectively on the issue of disappearances. The working group has been increased from three to five A move to curb abductions by governments of political opponents is being taken by the 43-nation United Nations Human Mempers.

Argentina, supported by Brazil and Uruguay, and with tactical support from the Soviet Union, has tried to have the issue of disappearances confined to confidential procedures. It is members. Rights Commission. It is creating a working group empowered to approach governments directly for information on missing people. to confidential procedures. It is estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 people have disappeared in Argentina in the

That development is a result of long negotiations in which non-aligned nations have propast six years. At the outset o fthe six-week Posed amendments to a draft session, however, delegates were Western resolution put forward conformity with a General

line of women with white scarves on their heads, waiting silently, has impressed on delegates the suffering of the families involved. Few have

they faile dto set an example by supporting measures against state-organized disappearances, tical opponents disappear

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OVERSEAS_

Report calls for new approach on refugees

All last year the world looked on in horror as boats crammed with people fleeing the Indo-chinese wars pitched in the seass and terrified and desperate Kampucheans struggled across the border into Thailand in search of food.

The immense pathos of the scenes demanded wide publicity, so that the last year of the 1970s will be remembered

cording to a Minority Rights Group report, The Refugee Dilemma, published this week, there are between 14,000,000 and 18,000,000 people in the world fleeing depriva-tion, fear, persecution and

Their number increases at a rate of 2,000 a day, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' budget, fixed last autumn at a record \$234m (about £100m) for 1980, needs to be doubled if the organization in the commission of the c needs to be doubled if the organization is to cope with new emergencies. The outlook, Dr Frances D'Souza, the report's author, say, "appears to be a cumulative nightmare".

But, in all the publicity, the very word "refugee" has become distorted. It has come to irroly a sudden crisis a mass.

imply a sudden crisis, a mass movement of despairing people

who do not have tran-journeys; the many millions who seek not asylum but repatriation; the steady trickle of individuals trying to acquire new citizenship; and the rela-tively well-off and educated— what one Malaysian official has described as "fee paying emi-

It forgets the fact that while the "boat people" are being resettled in the United States, resettled in the United States, an equally large number of Chinese are fleeing, legally and illegally, into Hongkons, and the fact that out of the world refugee population, more than 4,000,000 are in Africa, in countries such as the Sudan are Somalie.

Because donations follow publicity, the money is un-evenly distributed: Whereas syency distributed: Whereas \$105m of the UNHCR badget will be spent on 1,000,000 refugees in South East Asia, only \$70m is to go to the 4,000,000 in Africa.

It forgets, too, the contradic-tion between how a refugee is defined in the abstract and how Who, then, is a refugee, and what is he entitled to The first United Nations Commissioner for Refugees was Dr van leuven Goedbart, and in 1951 he defined a refugee as someone forced to seek sanctuary and protection because of well founded fears of being persecution. cuted for reasons of race, reli-gion, nationality, membership of a perticular social group or poli-

In 1967, a Protocol amended the 1951 Convention by remov-ing both the time and geographic limitations it contained, and today these two charters remain the principle guidelines. Seventy-six countries have signed the Convention and 71

have ratified the Protocol. But as the world has come to put ever greater emphasis on national, cultural and political homogeneity, so the need to make the definition more clear has grown more acute. What about the de facto refugee—the foreign students, the draft evaders, and those who do not leave their common that the agents are planning to set up international network among leave their countries but who suffer persecution?

By December, 1979, the United States had resettled more than 373,000 Indochinese people; its selection procedure are generous in comparision with those of Australia, New Zealand and Canada. France traditionally has liberal policies towards refugees. The Scandi-navian countries have, by con-trast, very strict immigration

The British approach, according to Dr D'Souza, can only be rescribed as tortuous. Whether someone is given asylum depends largely on the whim of the immigration officer at the port of entry. The refugee may be rejected and by the time an appeal is heard the Government can, and does, argue that because the refugee is in another country, that place and not Britain is his first country of asylum.

It is such rules that brought a call for a more coherent and humane policy towards refu-gees, and for an "independent refugee organization, compar-able to Amnesty International". The Refugee Dilemma dis-cusses the need for greater professionalism among those working with refugees, to bring are being looked after in one camp by about 28 separate roluntary organizations.

The Refugee Dilemma: International Recognition and Acceptance, by Dr Frances D'Souza, Minority Rights Group report No 43, 75p. 35 Carren Street, London, WCZN

a visit to the Philippines

The elections in January were the first since President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law seven years ago. They gave his New Society party an over-

whelming victory, as expected. But there was violence and allogations of intimidation and

The Pope puts off Manila

visit until poll anger cools

Manila, Feb 27.—The Pope to make his postponed until November time for the Pope to make his journey because it would conicide with the teuth anniversary of the first papal visit

planned for this month to allow time for violent reaction to local elections here to subside, Cardinal Jame Sin, Architashop of Manila, said today.

In November, the Pope will start the process of canonization of Lorenzo Ruiz, the first papar viole.

Cardinal Sin said that Novem- the same time.—Reuter.

World View

by Arrigo Levi

Stronger mechanism needed for EEC action in emergencies

ing one. All national govern-ments are aware of the need for unity. All are equally aware of the existence of great natural diversities in their individual approaches to different prob-

lems.

Some of the best minds in European diplomacy, including Viscount Davignon of Belgium (who gave his name, in 1970, to the first "political committee" of the Community), Signor Roberton Ducci of Raly, and many others worked for years at setting up mechanisms which would make a success of a new Rusemean forceign policy, based European foreign policy, based on "unity in diversity".

The results have sometimes been remarkable in the Hel-sinki negotiations the Nine had the first proof that unity could

There have also been failures and visible disagreements. The Community is an imprecedented, highly sophisticated political body, widely admired and even imitated in the world: but it is never fully satisfying to the tree trees members.

Political cooperation—an ex-periment within the European experiment—does not aim at cancelling national foreign policies. On the contrary, it tries to use the special influence, knowledge and traditional ties of each one of the Nine in various areas of the world, in order to produce an effective coordinated foreign policy, serv-ing the interests of the whole

inspired to play together, each national foreign policy being called into action at the right time like a separate instrument in a chamber orchestra, the results can be impressive. But of course, there is no director, no score to follow. Rather than an orchestra, the Nine are a jazz band, improvizing in a jam session. Results can also be painfully ear-shattering.

The problem is how to reconcile unity with diversity. Like all good group players, the Nine have to practise together a lot. ary organization was invented. has grown with the passing of years into a small but effec-tive body called Coreu. Coreu is one thing, although there are four of five different pronuncia-tions of the "eu" (for Europe) diphthong. And it works.

Through the Coreu network (each director for political affairs having an assistant whose title and function is that of "European correspondent"; there is an uninterrupted flow

of messages, exchanged directly between the nine foreign ministries. Embassies, perhaps for the first time in the history of diplomacy, are daily bypassed In 1979, 4,327 multilatera In 1979, 4,527 multilateral messages were exchanged, all of them going through Coreu, via the "temporary President" of the Community. Not only the directors of political affairs, but the heads of desk communicate with each other, preparing the 20 odd meetings a year between the directors, the

paring the 20 odd meetings a year between the directors, the dozen or so meetings of foreign ministers, the innumerable common initiatives.

All this means that the same fundamental information is fed today into the huge machinery of the nine foreign offices, then passed on to the nine national passed on to the nine national governments. It is on the basis of this common information that the attempt is daily made to create a common policy: a strange animal, having one body and nine heads.

Lord Carrington has now suggested a significant improve-ment to this mechanism in a case of emergency, and Coreu is going to produce a report un the matter. From the start, political cooperation was political cooperation was founded on consensus, which means that each one of the

means that each one of the Nine maintains a veto power This applies even to the calling of an emergency meeting. What Britain has now suggested it the setting up of some "melenching mechanism" "onclenching mechanism" which would automatically lead to a meeting of the Nine in a crisis, so that they may produce a common reaction. The

But the "unclenching mech-nism would have to be based n something less manimous consent": emergency meeting would have to be called, under certain con-ditions, even on the request of a limited number of countries. Some of the Nine (guess who) are hesitasing before taking this step. France has never liked the idea of losing even the timiest bit of

sovereignty,
Has not the time come for setting up an even stronger mechanism for automatic emer-gency consultations between the Nine? Can any European dangerous world?

Why the rag trade is in tatters this winter

You hardly need be a detective or business expert to have noticed that the fashion business is in premy poor shape. Even before christmas, prices were numbling like leaves in a gale. Against all tradition, the sales started in London's West End around mid-December. From boundates to chain stores reductions were blacoused amid the time! Markes & Spencer, where notices is beginned and the control of the sales and the control of the whose policy is basically anti-sa deally became a treasure trove of special offer kniewear. Some shops were slashing their prices to the time of 50 per cent. A short, sharp, promotion? If that was the plan, recallers ruckully admir that the "buy in time for Christmas" campaign failed to galvanize shoppers into a whirl

failed to galvanize shoppers into a warri of sartorial spending. Stock obstitutibly refused to shift. Prices dropped lower and the sales stretched longer—and longer. At the end of January, I bought a dress I could normally never afford at less than a quarter its original cost. Even now, if your are prepared to hunt around, you could probably replenish your wardrobe on a comparative shoesting.

What is more, it is not just your imagi ration : shop assistants are more attentive "The customer is always right" mono has rarely, if ever, been more pertinent. The stark fact, as Peter Randle of the Export Cloching Council reports, is that companies are going out of business daily, just what has gone so tragically wrong? Across the adustry, the three most con-sistent answers are: valued-added tax, the

per cent to 15 per cent jumped up prices by 7p in the pound; with the result, says warks & Soencer's Harry Charlest Marks & Spencer's Harry Shepherd, that "the Righ Street went morehand". Either many people did not have the money to pay an extra £2.10 on an average £30 dress; or they found other things to spend

The drop in overseas visitors also took its toll. The big spenders never arrived; nor did the customary invasion of budget-shoppers seeking value-for-money British merchandise. Remember those plane-loads of families flocking over from Europe on week-end shopping jaunts? With the pound stronger and prices generally more expensive, the number of foreign bargain-

hunters has significantly dwindled. The third major culprit, everyone agrees, is unquestionably the weather. A rotten summer, a virtually non-existent autumn, followed by a mild winter is the worst of all possible combinations for a trade that is both fashion sensitive and at least partially reliant on impulse buying. Fashion? Perhaps the least said, the

An article in The Times in November about the increasing

that two London eye surgeons, concerned at the extent of

maining on the squash courts, are campaigning for the intro-

A squash ball or a blow from

wear ordinary spectacles are particularly at risk: a ball or

racket blow may shatter their

spectacles and drive glass into

The Squash Rackets Association does not believe that eye protection is necessary, although it thinks that bespectively.

tacled players ought to wear

The leading sports equipment manufacturers Dunlop and Slazenger do not make protectors; and Slazenger have told the surgeons that "it would not make commercial sense for

us to manufacture (a protective) mask for many reasons.". In other words it would not be

good business to make protec-

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tors without a large demand for them.

Nevertheless, we have received letters from many readers anxious to buy eye protectors. They have searched sports shops without success. As far as I know, no protector is made in Britain. But excellent and simple protectors are

lent and simple protectors are made in the United States. In

some courts in North America

The Times Cook

better. The pseudo-forties look flopped. Women were simply not prepared to fritter their money on unbecoming square shoulders which they felt were being the of foisted on them as one of a long line of transitory gimmicks. Fashion is fun, if it is either cheap enough so that price does not matter; or sufficiently pretty and practical, so that it can be justified in its own either. But both uply and expensive is a right. But both ugly and expensive is a

non-starter.

Gloom is not limited to female purchasing. Other than tights and stockings, almost every sector of the market has its own particular moan. Menswear has had a poor season because, John Mercy of the Clothing Manufacturers Federation ex-plains: "When money is tight, Dad's clothes come last on the family priority

Children, it seems, do not fare very much better. A developing trend, says Herbert Goodier of the British Apparel Manufacturers Association, is the sudden up-surge in second-hand trading, which has been specially noticeable on the school

uniform front.

Another very real problem is the vexed question of VAT. Theoretically children's clothes are exempt. But as many parents of teenage youngsters know to their cost, age is one thing—size quite another. Having had to pay VAT on most of our 15-year-old's leisure-wear for the past 18 months, I can assure Mr Goodier that—if the Brown household is in any way typical—lie is right in his analysis that "parents are buying the basic minimum and very little else".

While on the subject of teenage VAT, I guarantee Sir Geoffrey Howe that he would receive widespread family support if her were to tackle this contentious issue in his forthcoming budget.

But from wishful thinking, back to reality. James Malcolm, Secretary of the Clothing Industry Economic Development Committee, says the message of the joint CBI/NEDC survey "Trends in Textiles and Clothing" (January 1980) is: "Re-tailers look pessimistic, manufacturers

About 280,000 people are employed by the industry, whose 1978 sales totalled £2,644m. Since September 1979, Malcolm estimates, 15,000 have been made redundant and with other companies vulnerable, more could follow. The real killer, clothiers complein, is the

flood of cheap imports coming into the country. Figures for the first three-quarters of last year indicate that in 1979 imports increased by a third; for some garments, including shirts and jeans, imported goods account for 70 per cent of the market, Cheap imports or not, with clothes the price they are, an undoubted cause of the

slump is the sheer cost factor. So just how and where is our money going? Garment lines differ. Distribution and

Safety for squash players in glasses

marketing policies vary. Some shops cater for the mass market, others for an exclu-sive clientele. With so any variations, it is impossible to give a totally accurate pic-ture. But the following few pointers may help to shed a little light on the matter.

Retail mark-up varies dramatically: from about 26 per cent at one extreme, to nearly 150 per cent at the other. Chain to hearty 150 bet tent at the towards the borrom end; boutiques rend to drift towards the top. Margins on basic merchandize, for example sweaters, are usually lower than on fashion gear. Mark up in London department stores, is generally quoted in the trade at over 100

Net manufacturing profits across the ties averaged 6 per cent to 8 per cent. Today? Almost certainly less. The Clothing Manufacturers Federation supplied the following break-down on an average price man's suit. Clori: £10.50. Trimmings, buttons etc: £4.50. Direct lebour: £10.35. Other costs including administration, over-heads and profit: £10.35. Total factory price: £35.70. Purchase price: approximately £70.

The Price Commission investigated jeans during 1978. Among its observations was justifiably high given the relatively low financial risk involved. For example, by the time both retailer and wholesaler had taken their profit, shop prices were often between 24 and 3 times the imported cost. Margins on women's jeans (wouldn't you have guessed!) tended to be higher than on men's, with the margins on children's the lowest of all.

Yet branded jeans, according to the CBI/NEDC survey, are one of the few pro-duct areas that have been selling really well in recent months. So where does this leave us in the 1980 fashion stakes? "Back to traditional dressing," forecasts the trade, crossing its fingers.

"Young men are coming back into formal clothes", observes John Mercy. "The distinct trend is that suits are being worn again." According to Peter Randle, flush from the February Mid-season Trade Fair, (sponsored jointly by the Council Export Council and Drapers Record), it is a similar story for girls. "Women's clothes will be in a more classic mould", he says; "garments that don't go out of fashion and that are bought to last."

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Vietnamese agents detected in camps among refugees

the action taken by Honekon against the agents, though it is presumed that they were

believe that people who play without protection are foolreturned to Vietnam. Camp supervisors in Hong-kong have received numerous a racket can (as the surgeons know from their working exreports of suspected agents from South Vietnamese and perience) destroy or badly damage an eye. Players who

ethnic Chinese refugees.
The two former South Vietnamese officers maintain contact with South Vietnamese refugees and have helped to identify those detained as suspected agents. They believe that refugees detected several agents abound the escape boats and drowned them.

Refugees are investigated by Hougkong officials on arrival and by representatives of their country of destination before

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Hanoi has been denied access to documents on the personal, political and working backgrounds of suspect refugees.

Salvador

wing organizations fighting for power in Ei Salvador announced a programme for a revolutionary government after a further day of violence in which at least 22 people were killed.

The four political groupings, whose members are engaged in virtual civil war with security forces and right-wing extremists, set out a joint political plan calling for an independent state along Marxist lines.

The two groups leading the self-styled revolutionary co-ordinating committee are the Popular Revolutionary Block (BPR) and the Popular League of February 28 (LP-28) which said their leaders had

lishment of a "revolutionary democratic government".

sainthood by declaring him blessed

Lorenzo Ruiz and 17 compan-

ions, including Japanese, Dutch-

men and Spaniards, died as

Christian martyrs in Japan in 1637. Church officials said the

other 17 would be beatified at

Kenya praised for containing

Dr Margaretha Isaacson, a Dutch World Health Organiza-tion expert, commended Ken-yan health authorities today for their handling of a regent out. yan health authorities today for their handling of a recent out-break of Marburg virus (green monkey) disease in the Nairobi Hospital

The disease, frequently fatal

death of a Frenchman admitted to the bospiral last mouth.

Dr Isaacson, of the South African Institute of Medical Research, flew to Nairobi to help the Kenyan authorities. She said before leaving today that the Nairobi authorities had car-ried our what appeared to be the most successful containent operation on record The hospital now is clear of infection and quarantine has been lifted. Dr Isaacson said

that an outbreak of the same disease in Zaire in 1976 killed 296 doctors, nurses and Shona Crawford Poole

It is well-known that journal-ists cannot write their stuff until the deadline draws peril-ously near. Almost as widely appreciated is the frequency with which their copy is cut by ruthless editors and sub-editors, and the poor view that word spinners have of this practice.

practice.

News being the most perishable commodities, and views only a little less so, its gatherers are seldom given an opportunity to resurrect their words. Imagine then the luxury of recycling the lefeuvers of earlier cookery columns.

The recipes which follow are

oat biscuits with a difference. They are all too good to waste.

Courgette and radish salad looks attractive and goes well with cold roast beef or pork.

Courgette and radish salad Serves four

small courgettes bunch red radishes tablespoons olive oil I tablespoons wine vinegar Salt and freshly ground black

3 tablespoons chopped parsley Wash and trim the courgettes

Wash and trim the courgences and radishes. Slice them as thinly as you can.

Combine the oil and vinegar with salt and pepper and mix well. Pour the dressing over the regetables, stir, and marinate the salad in the refrigerator

for an hour.

Just before serving mix two tablesoons of the narsley or chives into the salad and sprinkle the remainder on top. Chicory and apple salad is good with cold ham or chicken and an ideal accompagiment to

Chicory and apple saind Serves two

nuts in a bowl. the lemon juice and mix well with the salad ingredients. Serve immediately, or chill for

Port-soaked French makes a quick special pudding. This version probably originated in Portugal, although the recipe comes from Brazil where it is a popular festive pudding called

8 slices of French bread about tablespoons castor sugar

55 g (2 oz) batter 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon Arrange the slices of bread none layer on a plate. Mix

in one layer on a plate. Mix one tablespoon of the sugar Serves two
1 large or two small heads of chicory
1 crisp apple
2 tablespoons lightly toasted poth sides.

Combine the mayonnaise with

175 ml (6 fl oz) port

Melt the butter in a large container.

frying pan and fry the soaked bread on both sides until it is golden brown and crisp. Mix the remaining sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle the mix-ture over the toast. Serve immediately on a warmed plate, or pop the rabanudas under the grill to

melt the sugar. Ear them plain or with cream. Oat and maple syrup biscuits Makes about 30 110 g (4 oz) butter

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many people have to be maimed

before action is taken?"

175 ml (6 fl oz) maple syrup 1 teaspoon vanilla essence 1 teaspoon salt teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 170 g (6 oz) rolled oats 55 g (2 oz) whole whear flour

Beat the butter in a bowl unil it is light and fluffy. Add the maple syrup and vanilla essence and beat until smooth. Stir in the salt, bicarbonate of soda, oats and flour. Drop teaspoonfuls of the mix-

Hongkong, Feb 27 Vittnam has planted intelligence agents among the tens of thousands of refugees who are in camps in South-East Asia awaiting resettlement abroad.

Mr Robert Rossborough, a representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United States Consultations and Advanced Consultations and Advanced Consultations and late officials and Hongkong authorities have confirmed reports by anti-Communist refugees and two former mili-tary officers from South Viet-

planning to set up inter-national network among expatriate Vietnamese.

The American officials announced that several agents have been identified and barred from entry to the United States.

A Hongkong Government source said that at least seven were detained last year and more were under investigation.

No informationwas available on

No informationwas available on Guerrillas plan for a Marxist

San Salvador, Feb 27 .- Left-

Their plan, announced at a press conference, included the dissolution of the armed forces, extensive nationalization, markedly reduced ties with the United States and the estab-

Marburg virus

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Feb 27

and discovered only in 1967, is believed to have caused the

Nairobi student disturbances shut university

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Feb 27 Nairobi University was closed today after a riot by hundreds of students last night. They smasshed plates, cups and other items in the university's cauteen, complaining about the quality of the food and the poor state of the crockery.

Further demonstrations took

place today when the canteen was unable to serve breakfast to the students because there

was no crockery. The students stoned cars and broke shop windows in the neighbourhood

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Ralph Richardson in new Storey play at National

A new play by David Storey,
Early Days, with Ralph
Richardson in the central role,
will open at the National Theatre's Cottesloe studio on April

The National will also be
presenting Early Days in
Brighton, for eight perform 22. The play will be directed by Lindsay Anderson, with designs by Jocelyn Herbert. Another new production from the National will be the Empire Theatre, Sunderland. It will be a double bill by Terence Rattigan, The Browning Version and Harle-

The National will also be presenting Early Days in Brighton, for eight performances from March 31; O'Neill's The Icoman Cometh for six performances in Bath from April 7; and Priestley's When we Are Married in Cardiff for seven performances from April 15. from April 15.

After a successful season at Browning Version and Harle-quinade, with a cast including Alec McCowen, Geraidine McEwan and Nicky Henson, and Michael Rudman as direc-tor. The production will be seen in Sunderland and then at the Theatre Royal, Norwich,

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vies. Griffiths was born in 1947, in Thornaby-on-Tees, "within a bundred yards a Yorkshireman", and grew up in Stock-ton. He had an almost accidental education, going on to his A levels later than most A levels later than most children and finally studying drama in Manchester.

has attracted attention.

"The North-cast has always been a depressed area—it depresses the hell out of me", he says now, "but then it was



Richard Griffiths as George Lewis in Once in a Lifetime.

especially depressed and for school kids: no jobs. I was out of work for a year when I left school; just did nothing, just sat around and felt guilty all day... Eventually, just before my sixteenth birthday, I borrowed three quid off a pal of mine, who was working and somewhat suspicious—we've never met since—and I ran away, came to London.

" It took us days to get here, because we actually got together hiking gear, hiking boots and backpacks...and people would say, 'look there's two little lads on u walking holiday'. Wouldn't stop and give us a lift. So, got to London, our feet broken down and got into the German YMCA at Lancaster Gate. I had £2 left and got a job in five minutes on a Saturday morning. In Stockton, you see, if somebody said we've got a job going, there'd be 40, 50, 60

kids at the door and another 200 writing a letter." He went to work as a messonger for Time-Life for the impressive wage of £7 10s plus luncheon vouchers, three shillings a day. Incredible. And that was when I was 16. I earned less than that

when I was 23 as an actor ".

Eventually he fled Time-Life when they discovered he had a talent for drawing and blocked out a career for him beginning with studies at the London Polytechnic and leading into their own training programme.
"They had my life stitched up for the next 40 years. I ran

away again."

Back in Stockton he found a job at a Littlewood's store where the deputy manager pulled him aside and urged him to go back to school to get four O levels, with the promise of a better job on his return. By choosing drama as a subSt John's

Paul Griffiths

It was Italian night at the Lonmarathon, and of course that meant a large helping of Berio, and rightly so. I just wish he had not been represented by so warbling sopranos and a shadow of instrumental support, as if he were only a master of musical small talk meandering this way and that, full of echo and repeti- recall" tion and half-suggestion and exquisite confusion.

"We all got shot at, that was "We all got shot at, that was really frightening. I learned all about skirmish order, as my brother called it in the army: lying flat and moving along just by the points of your elbows and your toes. Four hundred of us creeping around, pretending to be slugs, moving on the ground. That moving on the ground. That afternoon there was the most

afternoon there was the most astonishing performance of Macbeth I've ever been involved in. There was a gun battle going on in the estate all afternoon and they'd burned vehicles just outside the school gates to block the roads off. We had to have a sort of conference with the IRA to get us out of the school."

During his longest break from acting, after his first season with the RSC in 1977-75, he put some of that experience into writing. "Basically I'd discovered that since I had this typewriter, and in those days for £1.80 I could have 500 sheets of paper, I could play with that for a whole week. Nothing was cheaper." His first television play was

costed by Granada, but the 33 actors, 250 extras, armoured vehicles and so on, ran the cost into "telephone numbers". They showed enough interest in his writing, however to pay for fire drefer. however, to pay for five drafts of a Crown Court script which they never used.

When he was called back to the RSC he thought he could continue writing, but with the momentum of work he obviously finds it hard enough just to see his girlfriend in Strafford. When Once in a Lifetime comes to its end, he expects to be unemployed for a while Long enough, perhaps, to get back to writing, maybe with the job of playing a villain waiting for him when he

Ned Chaillet

mar and Agmus by Linds London Sinfonietta

The strongest piece of the five was O King, a threnody for Martin Luther King in which the soprano gradually assembles his name, urged on by notes pushed forward from a small ensemble. Berio enlarged it to make the second movement of his Sinjonia, but it is more effective in its original form as a private memorial, especially when sung with the detachment when sung with the detachment tension, Sinopoli has long been and purity Rosemary Hardy outdone by his fellow country-brought to it on Tuesday. She man Bussotti, arch-priest of was nicely partnered in El mar excited overload.

la mar and Agnus by Linea Hirst, who was heard alone in a tense yet also properly conand suspended account of E Ve.

Giuseppe Sinopoli, who conducted this string of vocal gems, completed the programme with a 40-minute blockbuster of his own, Souvenirs à la mémoire. I was going to attempt here some brief interpretation of the piece, but perhaps that is best left to the composer himself, who writes of a Utopian many trifles, five of them in a who writes of a Utopian row, all for one or two delicately search for something, some warbling sopranos and a shadow style in reverse, retreating from the conscious until it becomes, once again, the ghost of an empty memory—a memory which has nothing more to

It might be the greatest tri-bute to the piece therefore, to say that it was instantly for-getten, but in fact it was not. There were a great many arresting or attractive ideas although most of them flashed past in a perpetual paroxysm to which the singers, Elaine Pearce, Pamela Smith and John Allison, added what seemed like the right kind of bel canto hysteria. Nevertheless, in terms of musical turmoil, and indeed psychological-philosophical pre-

Vienna Haydn Trio Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

Haydn Trio of Vienna is their full title : as if we needed to be told. Their playing bears all the marks of their home city's musical traditions, and not only the best ones. Sometimes it is difficult to sort the good from the not so good; in the playing of music like piano trios by Beethoven and Tchaikovsky it may come around that point where care over susvity and relaxed ensemble overrides the need to think hard and seriously about the content of the music. Beethoven's "Archduke"

Beerhoven's "Archduke"
Trio, of course, was itself
Viennese born and bred. But
some of its stock is sturdy,
rougher-hewn North German;
and when it begins to sound like Schubert, and not very good Schubert either, one is inclined to fancy that something is amiss. It began warmly and comfortably, at a leisurely pace, and with the planist Heinz Mediamorec seemingly not trying to bring any internal light-ening to those chordal textures, which need it as much as that famous sorter of planistic sheep and goats, the opening of the G

major concerto.
It continued in that vein,

phasis on marriage and fertility.

old Gromer will succeed in coupling his rebellious daughter

Sal with the horse-owning Jeremish Stiggins, or whether she will achieve happiness with the labourer of her choice.

The main question is whether

sweetness from the violin and the cello, and a generalized benevolence of sentiment. I wish it had also had drive attack, masculinity, which surely belong somewhere in Beethoven's unruly muse. An instant's hesitation and a gentle squeeze may serve in some contexts, but they do not make a Beethoven sjorzando. Tchaikovsky's A minor trio is

easygoing in rhythm, with many

a shapely phrase, plenty of

in some ways more testing. It is never easy to bring off music that lurches from one emotional crisis to another, creeisly when several of the crises are identical. This demands a broad control of form of a kind scarcely central to these players the more lyrical ideas in the first movement yielded their charms to the silky string tone, the tension of rhythm that might make it cohere was lacking; the variations, more episodic, fared

Yet the tonal, and with it the emotional, world was alien to the music. One longed for piano playing that was lighter, crisper, more steely (the Franco-Russian tradition, in fact), and for string playing that did not carry an air of ruling out Slavonic passion and vibrancy as slightly beyond the bounds of good taste. This was, to be sure, accomplished playing; but it was the wrong kind of accomplishment.

will carry on, and no conclusion to the debate of state tyranny

Michael Rudman's production

succeeds in the difficult task of

passing off the characters' way

of life as something they find

entirely normal; and in estab-

style in the lunar setting. It is

not so successful in staging the

games and rituals which crop

up half-heartedly throughout

versus tribal tyranny.

Last night's television

Secret Orchards

Granada

Michael Ratcliffe Roger Ackerley was born on April Fool's Day and the cir-cumstances of the deception by which he kept two separate families in total ignorance of one another for more than twenty years were so exceptionally elaborate, comical and sad that they eventually produced one classic memoir of familial dismay and another to fill out the picture of Ackerley's mistress Muriel more completely.
In conflating Joe Ackerley's My Father and Myself (1968) and The Secret Orchard of Roger Ackerley by Diana Petre (1975) in the secret product of the secret produ (1975) into one television play William Trevor brought both families together for the first time since they first filled the life, mind and time-table of the banana king himself.

The Tempest BBC2

ART GALLERIES

(continued on page 25)

Stanley Reynolds

There was very little for purists to find fault with in the BBC's new prestige production of The Tempest but that perhaps may be the most damning thing you could say about it. An adventurous production might have had them spluttering with rage this morning, and critics scratching their heads trying to make up their minds as to what they really thought. Such, you will recall, was the reaction to Mr Peter Brooke's circus-ring Midsummer Night's Dream, which is now remembered as a masterpiece which

He began at the end of: Mrs. mon people!"), she is pure Petre's book, as Diana and her Trevor. Tearful, foolish, loyal sister chuck their mother's and brave, Muriel was played ashes off Southsea Pier, as with such brilliance and directed, and he ended, or awkwardness by Judy Parfitt har each annearance was a almost ended, on the joil With which Ackerley begins: "I was born in 1896 and my parents were married in 1919". He also suggested more definitely than the homosexual Joe was pre-pared to that Roger had had homosexual experiences during his years in the Household

ality of My Father and Myself were otherwise muted by Joseph Blutchley's gentle and unselfish performance as Joe and by the elevation of Muriel Perry to be the second most important character in the story. This was the right thing to do, partly because Muriel makes

better theatre than Joe and partly because, trembling with ressumed gentility as she puts on the gramphone and knocks over the gin ("We are not com-

Guards, although the relentless masochism and obsessive sexu-

blood either to hot flashes of anger or to the electric joy of a new experience. What we got was some more of the BBC's ghastly middle taste.

Give or take a few tired camera tricks, with a disappearing Ariel (David Dixon), we might as well have been watching a film of a stage production, right down to the clumping feet of Miranda (Pippa Guard) racing across the wooden beach. As Prospero Michael Hordern spoke up nicely but we have seen more sinister Dr Whos on television. Where was Prospero's cruel abuse of power which both Ariel and Cabban (Warren Clarke) complained so bitterly of? It was lost somewhere inside Mr Hordern's benign, schoolmasterly manner. He seemed more an amateur bered as a masterpiece which gave audiences a totally new a magician who would torment look at a much-loved pkly. Alas with The Tempest, on BBC 2 last night from 8.30 to 10.35, there was nothing to stir the children's party conjurer than a magician who would torment

fresh one, and you never quite made up your mind about her, which must have been how she was, even to her daughters, in

There were no weak links in James Brabszon's production, directed by Richard Loncraine, and Secret Orchards was properly crowned by the central performance of Freddie Jones. Not (he says) having read the books beforehand, Mr Jones offered the spectacle of one outstanding character-actor being played by another, fleshing out Roger Ackerley's ambivalence and charm with great energy and intelligence, making him wary, warm-blooded, the face always two moves ahead, keeping the panic at bay, loving every move in the game of life.

production which will, I am sure, enlighten many school-children but will thrill no one. Perhaps the fault was that this was an American co-production and Americans have a false, churchy respect for Shakespeare on television. As with too many of the plays in this Shakespearian series it was left to the comics to carry the day. Nigel Hawthorne's drunday. Nigel Hawthorne's drunken Srephano, Andrew Sachs's even drunker Trinculo, and marvellous Warren Clarke's beastly Caliban—strapped into a hairv skin which made him look like Lon Chaney's wolf man with a henna rinse—were splendid. So grand indeed that you wondered what Prospero and all the other straights were and all the other straights were on about and wished they would go off and do it somewhere else so you could see more of that comic trio. Well, this was yet another stiff pro-

duction aimed at the archives, and one can certainly see it

gathering a lot of dust there in

Thee and Me Lyttelton

Irving Wardle

The sight of a pile of decomposing car bodies and a pyra-mid of giant water pipes arising like the trunk of Osymandias, in Sue Plummer's desert setting, heralds another evening with the latest form of escapist theatre; plays set in a future so bleak as to make you give thanks for a country where there are still schools to be closed and industries to be

The period is around the year 2040 by which time, according to Philip Martin, the sun will have burnt through the earth's ozone layer and Britain's sur-viving inhabitants will have a choice of enrolling as state slaves or trying their luck in the desert. Thee and Me explores the second alternative through the lives of a state-victimized family who trekked into the wilderness and came to rest when they found a spring, establishing a primitive agricultural society amid the ruins of civilization under the authority of their widowed patriarch.

The Third Policeman **ICA**

Ned Chaillet

Ken Campbell and the Science Fiction Theatre of Liverpool have had me wandering through the ICA Theatre for 22 hours at a stretch when they staged The Warp and have lifted me on hovercraft when they moved the entire audience to follow the action of A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Whatever the project, one has been able to rely on the productions for imagination and merriment and the project, one has been able to rely on the productions for imagination and merriment and in the adaptation of Flann O'Brien's marvellous novel The bounds an iron bat that is held by Arthur Kohn who frantically pounds an iron bat that is held by Mitch Davies, named in the Campbell and Richard Dunkley—there are once again large theories of the first policeman. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been a distribution of the first policeman. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing. It would be bette everything had been owner, are spluttered into life to the writing.

from the state-controlled world: a black man in pera-military attire whose articulate speech contrasts sharply with the sawn-off Laponshire and wordless grunts of the Gromers, and who moves in among them as a worker for suspiciously flimsy As the play has clear aspira-tions as a serious work of

antiropological imagination, it comes as no small shock to find that the only trick it has up its sleeve is to celebrate the rebirth of sexual love in the desert. Against the basic law of the tribe, young Sal defies her father's command and marries the labourer; while the civilized intruder demands the other measures of both. Unfortun-ately they have barely captured the lyrical delights of O'Brien's writing and the cultivation of

zany activities makes the production seem like a record re-

duction seem like a record re-corded at 33; and played back

There is enough of the

miraculous in the novel and much more of the mysterious than the production allows. Relying on caricature, it tries not so much to simplify the book as to amplify the more benefit desires.

bewildering images. The theories of the first policeman,

at 78 rpm.

the piece; nor in its musical effects-drone choruses and tin-can percussion-which subtract from the dialogue instead of heightening the atmosphere. Also, from Leonard Maguire's gimlet-eyed patriach to Ian Hogg's whip-cracking wifetamer, I have never found a

Where Mr Martin picks up the story, they have been there for 10 years, and the first part of the play demonstrates the life of the tribe; its working routines, and its fauatical emphasis on martin and martin picks up deughter's hand as an alternative to requisitioning their water supply. The piece ends with a double killing which supplies no clue as to how the survivors will carry on, and no conclusion

The larger drama then begins lishing a matter-of-fact playing

Lytteiton performance so hard to hear. It is good news that the National will take a risk on plays with little obvious com-mercial pull, but their reason

for selecting this dourly incoberent piece escapes me. a manic demonstration of the movement of atoms. The hurried manner of his explanation, which garners more than a few laughs, captures the basic tone of all the speaking.

Objects and faces take on a fairly spectacular and alien quality, most particularly the mummified face of Old Mathers who returns from the dead in much more of a hurry than O'Brien depicted. In all such details, the direction of Mr Campbell and Oengus Macna-

mara is lavishly creative. It would be better for once if everything had been subservient to the writing. The crucial blunder is to make the central character a dolt, when Mr Davies shows in an argument with his soul that he is capable

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from vesterday's later editions.

Alicia de Larrocha: a pianist who keeps Albeniz's music in mind

"Como hombre, un niño. Como pianista, un gigante." The sentiment might equally well be applied to Albéniz's leading Navarra in Iheria, but truly it keyboard advocate of our time, could never have formed a part of it Instead he wrote 'Ierez' of it Instead he wrote 'Ierez' keyboard advocate of our time, Alicia de Larrocha, for despite the shormess of her physical stature (she stands well under five feet) she is a formidable figure among pianists. On Sunday afternoon at the Festival Unit Miss de Larrocha will Hall Miss de Larrocha will perform the whole of *lberia*, the four-book 12-part work embracing more than 70 minutes of music, Albeniz's of the composer's life.

masterpiece, written at the end "Blanche Selva, the great pianist, to whom Albeniz dedicated one of the volumes of Iberia, described the work as une evocation du coeur de l'Espagne', but it only evokes the heart of one part of Spain", comments Miss de Latrocha. "The pictures, the as being like a photographer's of Granados.

A famous caricature of the composer Albéniz in La Ilustracion Musical has the caption where Albéniz makes a trip to

could never have formed a part of it. Instead he wrote 'Jerez', the eleventh piece, with which he was very satisfied. He wrote to Granados, 'I'm very happy with "Jerez". Even if it's not jerez in a bottle, it tastes very good! 'Yet, even though the subject matter and the structure of the music, its rhyth as for example, are Spanish, the compositional style and tech-nique are French". The link with the past great-

ness of Spanish keyboard wru-ing is for Alicia de Larrocha only a generation away. Her teacher, the "Englishman with a British passport but a Spanish temperament", Frank Marshall, who handed over his school to her on his death in 1959, had—as had her mother images—and I think of Iberia and her aunt—been a pupil

"Granados was extremely romantic, but in a poetic way. (Spaniards are ever poetic, never sentimental.) He was looking for new techniques, new sounds. But this is true of Albéniz, too. Sometimes Iberia is performed in Arbó's orchestered agrecian but I don't like trated version, but I don't like it. It sounds too heavy and vulgar. I personally don't think that Albeniz envisaged *Iberia* as an orchestral piece. The work is pianistic; its attack and balance are wrong for an orchestra. The pedalling, the range of markings, are for the piano even though they are so exaggerated that it is imposwhen going from ppppp (espressivo) to ffiff each interpreter has to find a unique

level and balance." Alicia de Larrocha spends much of her life travelling the world, and has played almost word, and has played almost everywhere from New Zealand—"and you can't go further from Spain than its antipodes!"—to Bradford: "I had a fantastic audience there formance—not enough time to

and the concert hall is one of the best? Travelling has its hazards, unexpected and unpredictable . . . "Last summer, going from Argentina to New York, I lost a briefcase which had all my

scores, all my music in it-Iberia. the Goyescas Granados, with the composer's own markings, which my mother and aunt had used, totally irreplaceable. In spite of this I enjoy travelling. I'm a very restless person and I like going to new places. Travelling makes one resilient, but I'm beginning to be a little tiredlast year I player 124 concerts, so I'm slowing down now."

faced with a constant problem of adjustment. "One never without trying the piano. Even By the end of the performance for this Festival Hall concert I the keys were covered in blood the keyboard before the per-

play the work through. It's hard sometimes to adjust oneself to a different instrument, but even harder to adjust to the acoustic of a building. Sometimes a good instrument can sound dreadful in a dry hall, full of people, where the acoustic is not rich." Time to practise is another perennial problem for the innerant musician. "I don't have any discipline. Some days I sit down at the piano for half an hour; another time I can go on for eight or pine hours without realizing it. Nor do I bother to protect my fingers, although playing sometimes results in the skin of the finger splitting where The peregrinating pianist is meets the top of the nail. I do spray on a sort of artificial skin that Murray Perahia knows what instrument one recommended me to use, which may be asked to play on helps. Once I was playing in Sometimes I have gone from a Brussels and I wondered why plane or train into a concert without trying the piano. Even by the end of the performance by the end of the performance

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for Shinton Manchester City have agreed to transfer their striker, Bobby Shinton, to Burnley for £200,000, a record for the second division

Shinton, who is on loan to Mill-well, had takes with the Burnley manager, Brian Miller, yesterday. But Burnley's hopes of settling matters in time for Shinton to play against Preston at Turf Moor on Saturday were dashed when he said he would make a decision over the weekend. Meanwhile he will play for Millwall at Mansfield.

Shinton was signed by Man-hester City for £300,000 from Vrexham last July but has made mly six first team appearances. only six hist team appearances. Newcastle are among several other clubs thought to be interested in the player. Burnley's previous highest transfer fee of £165,000 was paid to Queen's Park Rangers in September, 1978, when they re-eigned the winger, Yestohton Teames.

The Italian club, Juventus, still tope to sign the European Player of the Year", Kevin tegan, despite his planned transfer to Southampton. Juventus are prepared to compensate Southampton handsomely. They tried to sign Keegan earlier this year but the confusion about whether Italy would re-open its borders to foreign players blocked the deal. Coverary City's unsettled riker, Ian Wallace, was officially

iransfer-listed yesterday. The manager, Gordon Mine, wants a part-exchange deal for the 23-year-old Scoulsh international—a musiky places. quality player and cash, or two quality players. He said: "It is not my responsibility to value Walface. It is his worth to any other club which should determine

handed in a written transfer request on Tuesday, was not in the party of 13 for Coventry's reparty of 13 for Coventry's rearranged leggue match at Totomham Hotspur last night.
Ricardo Villa, Tottenham's
Argentine midfield player, is
struggling to get fit in time for
the FA Cup quarter-final game
against Liverpool next week. A
nagging groin strain ruled him out
of the game against Coventry and
the chib's assistant manager, Pat
Weiton, said: "We'll be lucky to
have him for Liverpool".

Alan Ball has asked his old

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Ball: jumping the gun by appointing player-coach.

waiting for Ball's arrival from Fortugal, to explain his actions, last right. "The board know mothing about this appointment" in the chairman, Peter Lawson, said. "We find it hard to believe that Alan Ball would make such an appointment public before discussing it with the board. "We are not telling Alan who to appoint, but we would have tood us because there would be terms of contract to Southampton and due to play in America during the summer with the champions. Fort Lauderdale, two years ago he practiced to meet the board last night, and MacDougall was Plying up from Bournemouth to meet him. Southampton officials will represent Ball at an FA disciplinary hearing today.

The Arsenal striker, Alan Sunderisand, will plead his previous good record as a reason for heriency when he appears before the same commission in London. MacDougall was Plant of the Chelsea board immediately banned all of them from Stamford Bridge for life. Now the club's chairman. Brian the ban work. Posters

Liverpool leave crack for others to exploit

Wolverhampton 1, Liverpool 0
Liverpool have left the door ajar. The championship that is still more likely than not to be theirs in the end is not now the same foregone conclusion as a result of a dropped point against loswich Town at Antield on Saturday and defeat by 1—0 against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux on Tuesday night. They are still ahead of Manchester United, but here failed to take a grip on their game in hand.

Always benefiting from having the specialized knowledge of Hughes in their defence, Wolves organized themselves competently enough to keep Liverpool from making too much of the long, forward passes that were the basis of their game, Hughes and Bedry, the central supports at the back, Volverhampion 1, Liverpool 0 the central supports at the back controlled Daiglish and Fairclough affectively and intercepted

ine central supports at the back, controlled Daiglish and Fairclough effectively and intercepted Souness, Case and McDermott as they came through from midfield. Hansen was a tall beacon in a damp, tense first half finat contained few definite chances. Two of the more interesting were destroyed by the offside flag when Gray broke through early on and Case later struck a post. The rest was all probing against defensive resolution. The feeling in the air was that Liverpool were settling into the better thythm, but it was a marginal improvement and the large and, then, disappointed crowd had to wait until the second half to warm themselves on more intense excitement.

Daniel gave a clue to the im-

intense excitement.

Daniel gave a clue to the improvement at the end of the first half when Liverpool suddenly lost their sense of security, letting him run free on the left side, but his shot was inadequate and Wolves must have used half-time to talk themselves into a more positive frame of mind.

Daniel took a leaf from Liverpool's tactical book by driving a long, high pass from deep in his own half towards Richards, who was being watched by Thompson. The ball descended awkwardly for the Liverpool defender, but less so for Richards, who galloped on

Sponsorship for

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Colchester United, who are

trying for promotion, became the first league club in the country

Colchester in

Richards stabbed at the ball and scored. Now it was a matter of facing Liverpool's full power and no one in the Wolves ream did more than Hughes.

Liverpool could not complain about the number of equalizing opportunities that came into their range. Dalgirsh alone had a handful. Bradshaw sawed at his feet, then his enormous volley shook the crossbar and Hughes cleared. Hughes was always there and as Hughes was always there and as the "This Is Your Life" cameras rolled he acted the part of perfect hero when Fairclough hit the superb shot that gave Bradshaw supero snot that gave a managero snot chance.

But Hughes was there to head off the Hpe. Liverpool had by then tried to steer a different course by bringing in Heighway to give width, but it was traditional Wolverhammton determination that

by bringing in Heighway to give width, but it was traditional Wolverhampton determination that won this game and enlivened the championship.

Newport stramble home: After a drab and goalless first half, the match between Newport County and Domcaster Rovers came to life when Domcaster Rovers came to life when Domcaster took a skritch misure lead with a goal by Alan Warboys. Gwyther levelled and, in a frantic finish, Newport scored the winner two minutes from the end through Lowndes.

Fulham stay at the bottom of the second division after dropping a home point. Fulham made it 10 league fixtures without victory when they were held 1—1 by Bristol Rovers, who have now gone six without defeat Rovers took a three-minute lead, through David Williams, but Teddy Maybank headed the equalizer six minutes later.

mnute goal against Wrexnam, but took a point when Ray O'Brien scored from the spot four minutes' before half time.

The Swedish cup holders, Gothenburg, who play Arsenal in the first leg of the European Cuy Winners' Cup on March 6, lost 3—2 at Cardiff.

FAs determined to prevent Wembley repeat

With memories of the misconduct of Scottish supporters appermost in their minds, members of the Football Association and Scottish FA met in London yesterday to discuse plans for the staging of the 1981 British championship match between England and Scotland at Wembley. After an exploratory meeting

with the Metropolitan Police, both sets of association members will report back to their full councils. An FA spokesman said that no firm decisions had been taken but "the representatives were determined to eradicate the Three years ago Scottish sup-porters dug up pieces of the Wembley turf and broke one of the goals when they invaded the pitch after Scotland beat England, 2—1. Last season Scots went on

The FA and Scottish FA decided that no tickets would be

Boxing



Johnny Owen: fighting for the eyes and ears of the world.

Matchstick man's fists could set world on fire

By Srikumar Sen

It was a steep climb through the
empty streets to where Johany
Owen trains in New Tredegar. Two
little girls in cotton dresses sat
on a kerb, watching. "Is that
where Johany Owen trains", I
asked them. "He doesn't train on
Sundays, Johany doesn't ", one
of them said. When I told them
Johany's father had said he
would be there, they jumped up
like startled owls and fled downhill screeching "John-nee is
com-ming!", their screams carrying across the narrow valley to
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All rather alarming for a short,
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However, the gym was near the town.

However, the gym was near the top of the hill, a tall weather-blackened stone building with an iron gate and old steps where some of last year's autumn leaves had found safety in numbers. Inside the former working men's instinute the British and Commonwealth bantamweight champion, with the help of his trainer, Dai Gardner, and father, Dick, was putting the finishing touches to his preparation for the European championship bout with the holder, Juan Rodriguez, of Spain. This Merthyr Matchstick of the sharp nose and sticking out ears

Lewis keeps Finn title

Auckland, Feb 27.—Cameron
care the temperatures this world Finn title here tained his world Finn title here today after finishing third in the seventh and final race, which was supported by Chris Law, of Britain. At the start Lewis had a C.7 points the start Lewis had trand: it meant that Lewis had in third place. Bertrand was fifth.

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During the first beat to wind ward Lewis capsized in the strong During the first beat to wind-ward Lewis capsized in the strong wind, which sometimes gusted at 40 knots; but he recovered his balance and went around the wind-ward mark in first place, with Bertrand 13th. By the beaching shore of the eigh-mile Olympic course, Bertrand had closed the gap and he was fifth at the end of the triangle.

Rugby League

Bevan wings to the second row against England

John Bevan, the Warrington wing, will be in the second row of the pack for Wales against England in the European championship match at Craven Park, Hull, tomorrow. Bevan has played in the second row for his club and comes in for Wakefield Tricity's Skerrett, who is injured. Rull Kingston Rovers have put a wing, Youngman, on the transfer list at a fee of £10,000 but have turned down a request from their prop forward, Cunning-ham, who wants regular first team football.

Exercise for Melville

The draw for the semi-final round of the colts challenge cup, to be played on March 5, is: Rochdale Horners or Leeds v Bramley; Widnes v Wakefield Trinity.

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Nigel Melville, the Otley strum-half who was a member of the England party for the match against the All Blacks last autumn, plays for England Colts against Loughbrough University (first year) on Sunday in a warm-up game for the internationals this spring. Two relations of top players are in the England party— centre. Mark Woodward, son of Ted, a former England wing, and prop Stuart Woodward, brother of Steve, from Leicestershire.

Honour for Matthews Sir Stanley Marthews has accepted an invitation from the association of Irish sports journalists to be guest of honour at a luncheon in Dublin next month.

A last look at the pools systems and their arrangement of multiple forecasts to minimise the paper work

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Multiple attempts offer the one ing a cross individually against each much in each column of eight selections.

Multiple attempts offer the opportunity of choosing, overall, a greater number of matches which might lead to score-draws than the eight required. The system is concerned with how many that greater number is and how each column of eight submitted is extracted from it.

The number of pumers who write out a variety of columns

The number of pumers who write out a variety of columns haphazardly (one could cover 48 matches in six such columns with really no likelihood that any single column would include more than a couple of the day's score-draws) is now minute—so few that the pools coupon, which has changed in design over the years, leaves very little space for this type of entry. Instead, permutations and win-plans reign.

A full-cover permutation is a means of submitting all the combinations of eight that can be derived from the greater number of selections you have made. Thus, if you have found 10 matches you think might end in store-draws, you mark a cross against these you mark a cross against these in one column. You used to have to write alongside, " Perm any 8

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That is the principle of the "win plan". The win plan consists of a selection of the lines that would be emered if a full-cover perm were written out in full; but that selection is made on a mathematical basis so that it gives a limited or conditional guarantee.

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As with full-cover perms, the number of selections covered varies according to what our wishes to spend, but basically there are two types of guarantee: one, of isving seven in one line, provided there are eight in your selections: the other, that of having eight in one line, provided there are nine or more in your selections. The win plan cannot offer the complete guarantee of the full-cover perm because, in giving much chespor coverage of the same number of matches, it misses out so many possible com-

binations.

The other difference between the full-cover perm and the win plan is that the former can be checked without seeing the lines written out: as soon as the numbers of score-draws, goalless draws, away wins and home wins in the overall selection are known, the top-scoring lines can be ascertained by simple mathematics. With a win plan, each line of the plan must be checked separately. But that does not mean that the pumer must write it not in full on his entry coupon. These are the days of "entry made casy." Littlewoods have devised win plans called Lit-Plans (including some clever ones with a double conditional guarantee: eight in line if you have seven enywhere) and they supply the punter with checking charts. Vernous have devised win plans called V-Plans, and they too supply the punter with checking charts. Vernous have devised win plans called V-Plans, and they too supply the punter with checking charts. Vernous have devised win plans called V-Plans, and they too supply the punter with checking charts. Any newspaper which devises a plan sumplies its readers with a chart and lodges a copy with the three member firms of the Pool Promoters Association. All three of these firms eccept the plans lodged by recognized publications as well as each other's (you can submit a Litt-Plan to Vernou or a V-Plan to Littlewood; Zetters will take both).

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Thus, all the punter has to do is to mark all his selections in one column and indicate the plan against which it is to be checked (making sure he sends the right stake money). The pools firms theck against the charts they hold; the punter does likewise.

have him for Liverpool".

Alan Ball has asked his old team colleague, Ted MacDougall, to be coach at Blackpool, which has caused problems before he has even signed a contract as the third division side's new manager. Blackpool were hemmest by the news of MacDougall's appointment as player-coach and were Tuesday night's results

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Fleming Delfs, the men's singles world champion, is not among the top four seeds for the Ali-England championships, sponsored by John Player, at Wembley from March 19-23.

Player, at Wembley from March 19-23.

The holder. Liem Swie King, of Imionesia, is the top seed, followed by Demmark's Morten Frost Hansen, Prakesh Padukone of India and the promising Indonesian player, Louis Pongoh. Delfs is in the 5-8 seeding group.

Gillian Gilks, Britain's top women player, is seeded jointly third with Japan's Yoshiko Yone-kura. The top seed is Lene Köppen, the world champion from Denmark, and the Surrey player. Karen Bridge, is in the 5-8 group in the men's doubles, while Mrs Gilks and Nora Perry are seeded second in the women's doubles.

Mears, is looking into ways of making the ban work. Fosters carrying photographs of the banned fans is one method under consideration. Making the presentation to the club, Brian Knights, said that his company were building a new £10.5m headquarters in Colchester. As a preliminary gift they had already bought the Club the new

Mr Knights, general manager of the company, said: "If Colchester get promotion as we all hope, they will be equipped and ready to meet the chailenge of the second division."

over the next two seasons. The name of the local motor company Triceutrol, will appear on the front of Luxon shirts in all but televised matches from the start of next season. The firm will supply Luton with six Ford Fiestas and a Cortina at no charge and will carry out free servicing and maintenance.

For the record

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Boston Cellics 108, Atlanta Hawks 97: Chicage Buils 103, Unih Jazz 85; Milwaukse Bucks 102, San Pireo Gippers 88, Kanse City Kinns 117, Guiden State Warriers no; Houston Rockets 93, Indiana Pacers 48; Denver Nagets 1211, Pinonal Suns 112, Philadelphis Theory 48, Portland Trail Blazers 96; Los Anseles Lakers 131, Sealue Supersonics 108. Yesterday's results

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boxed three rounds with a featherweight, Michael Pickett, and showed how effective he is at close quarters and at long range. He hits hard with both hands and is particularly effective to the body, where Rodrigner is, weak. Owen is a slow starter and can be caught early. So he could be trailing in the first four rounds rounds at the Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre, but from then on he should move shead. His diming is immaculate which Mr Gardner puts down to the top-and-bottom ball. Not once did the errarically wobbling ball escape his MENTPORD
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LENCOLU, Before his home crowd Owen is almost certain to gain revenge for a borly disputed decision in the fiery atmosphere of the boil ring in Almeira last year where, throughout the contest, the brass band played on and the wineswilling crowd pressed closer to the judges and leant on them. Owen could emerge as Britain's most exciting world prospect and one hopes that he will be recognized as such or at least as a boxer of national interest by BBC television. ORIEL VI ...
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By a Special Correspondent
Oriel, who assumed the headship a dispant eight years ago,
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Keble, the most likely pursuers in fourth position, regretted their steering, which cost them a hump after securing an early overlap on Worcester. When Keble recovered to get within striking distance at the boathouses, Worcester drew on hidden reserves of stamina to hold them at bay in the finishing

raight. Lincoln missed Exeter and paid

the penalty as both Christ Church and Queen's improved at their ex-pense. The sandwich boat, Jesus, maintained their place in the first division by overflauling Magdalen.

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Olympic Games

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The Government will refuse to provide extra money that may be needed if Britain's Olympiac appeal falls to reach its flm target, Hector Monro, Minister for Sport, said yesterday. The fund, set up to send British athletes to this summer's Moscow Cames, stands Jomore than 6600,000. Thousands of morneds are pouring in Each week.

Three centuries on final day of match marred by sourness

Christchurch, Feb 27.—New Zealand and West Indies drew the second Test here today with the final day producing none of the acrimony that marred the earlier parts of the march, West Indies, 232 behind on first innings, were 447 for five in their second innings when the players Came off 35 minutes early immediately after King had reached his hundred.

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King had reached his hundred.

Haynes, Rowe and King an reached three figures—making a lotal of five centuries in the match—as West Indies comfortably denied New Zealand the victory that would have given them a winning 2—0 lead in the three-match series. Now New Zealand will be looking for a win or a draw in the third Test starting in Auckland on Friday to win a series for only the second time: their previous success was against Pakistan 11 years ago. The Canterbury batsman, McEwan, replaces Roberts in their 12.

New Zealand needed to make an Roberts in their 12.

New Zealand needed to make an early breakthrough this morning but Haynes and Greenidge carried their opening stand from 157 over-night to 225, a West Indian record against New Zealand, before Greenidge was caught at the wicket off Troup for 97.

Troup for 97.

The match slipped quietly to its

Karachi, Feb 27. — Tauseef Ahmad, a 20-year-old off spin bowler, made an impressive first appearance for Pakistan as he

helped restrict Australia to 199 for seven on the opening day of the first Test match here today.

Tauseef, who was Pakistan's most successful bowler, took three for 61, including the wicket of Australia's top scorer, Kim Hughes, who made 85. Tauseef and the left arm spin bowler, Iqbal Qasim, bowled 53 of the day's 83 overs in flerce beat and a proven have pitch that pre-

on a brown, bare pitch that provided the faster bowlers with little assistance. Conditions also con-

spired against an attacking approach on the part of the bats-

Any regrets Javed Miandad might have had when he lost the toss in his first match as Paleistan's

toss in his first match as Pakistan's captain lingered only briefly as his bowlers kept a tight hold on the Australian batting.

The morning period produced a meagre 53 runs, the afternoon 95 and the evening 51. It was a typical day's cricket on the arid surface of the National Stadium.

The Australian opening batsmen, Bruce Laird and Graham Yallop, survived for 43 minutes before Imman Khan schleved the day's only success by a quick bowler

only success by a quick bowler when he had Laird leg-before for six. Yallop was second out at 39

The sop-seeded John McEnroe

moved into the second round of the United States national indoor tennis championship when Byron Seruram withdrew after railing 2—1 in the first set, at Memphis, Tennessee. The South African suf-

fered a polied arch in his foot Jammy Commers, the second seed, needed two hours and 25 minutes

to dispose of the Australian, Peter McNamara, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2. Con-

inevitable conclusion during the last two sessions, although Kalli-charran and Lloyd fell cheaply in a minor collapse and King provided a stirring final act when he hoisted Howarth for six over long-on to reach his century which was the signal for the players to leave the field. Greenidge was named best batsman of the match, Cairns best bowler and Webb best fielder.

The quiet ending was in contrast to the bitter controversy for which the match will be remembered. Willie Rodriguez, the West Indies manager, said be had never been connected with a match with a source atmosphere. The incident that provoked the greatest outer; was when the West Indies fast bowler. Croft, collided with the umpire. Fred Goodall, while running in to bowl on the fourth day. Asked if an apology had been made for Croft's action, Mr Rodriguez said; "We are taking steps in that direction but we prefer that the matter rests until

Hughes: Top scorer with 85 when he edged Tauseef to the

Two wickets fell during the afternoon both to Qasim with the score at 93. Greg Chappell was stumped for 20 and soon afterwards David Hookes was taken at first slip by Majid Khan for nought.

nought.

Tsuscef and Qasim continued to frustrate the batsmen in the final period and Tauseef had his most important success when he re-

Martina Navratilova won her

Martina Navratiova won her 30th consecutive match at Houston when she raced to a victory by 6—0, 5—2 over the young American, Dianne Morrison in the first rough of the women's international tournament.

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International tennis returns to
Nottinghum after a two-year gap
from June 9 to 15 — two weeks
before Wimbledon. Until 1978 the
John Player Grand Prix event was

Close call for Connors in first round

victory in 35 minutes.

Incident

ing steps in that direction but we prefer that the matter rests until those steps are taken". He would not be drawn on a suggestion that Croft might be dropped for the third Test and said a statement would be issued tomorrow on the incident. Mr Rodriguez did not rule out

that Croft had collided with the umpire accidentally, although he conceded that "the situation lear itself to the view that it was not accidental". He revealed that he had been in touch with the West Indies Board of Control over the incident and "they view it very seriously".

The West Indians have withdrawn shiections to John Hastie and Raiph Gardiner, the umpires appointed for the third Test. The chairman of the New Zealand board, Bob Vance, said he was delighted, "Now we can go into the third Test with improved feeling between the sides ". It will be the sixth Test for Hastie, who umpired in the first lest in Donedin, and the cinth for Gardiner.

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Spin keeps Australians under control

moved Hughes who batted 255 minutes for his 85 which included 12 fours and a six. AUSTRALIA: Trest innings bird. Ibw b innest. sitop. c Taslini Arlf, b Tauseef lynnes, e Malid. b Tauseef Chappell, at Taslim Arlf, b sin Javin Hookes, c Malid, b Qasim Border, Iba, b Qasim Marsh, c Haroon Rashid, b Total 17 whis: 1.28, 1.103

Wood queue lengthens

Leicestershire have joined Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire in the chase for the former England Test player, Bary Wood. They have been given permission by Lancashire to discuss terms with Wood, who two days after being given a testimonial cheque for £62,429, refused a new improved two-year contract to stay at Old Traiford.

after the event.

In evidence to the committee earlier Mr Moorn said there were "two or three" altes in drivain that could be used for staging alternative Olympic events. The cost to the British taxpayer, he said later, would be in the region of "hundreds of thousands of pounds". O. Dirmock and D. Liline to hat. PARISTAN: 17. dilm Artf. Harrock Mid. Zahere Abhas. Javed Mian. L. Wasim Rola, Wolld Khan, Mudas Nazar, Imran Khan, Sariraz Mawa. M. Qasim, Tausoef Ahund.—Reuter

pounds".

Leaders of two major sports bodies told the committee that sport was being used as a "frunt-line weapon" against the Soviet Union. Dick Jeeps, the Sports Council chairman and furmer England rugby captain, said the Government had been wrong to suggest organizing alternative Games without presenting "concrete proposals."

Peter Lawson, general secretary

The Government fund the Sports Council, who in turn usually make up any shortfall of funds suffered by the British Olympic Association in sending a team to the Games. Mr Monro said the council would not be providing funds for the Games either between now and August or to balance the books after the event.

crete proposals."

Peter Lawson, general secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, claimed: "British sports people are being asked by the Government almost alone to ward off the Russiaus".

Both organizations said they had not been consulted before the Government called for a boycott. Sportsmen and women helieved the Government had chosen the sport weapon because it was simple

sport weapon because it was simple to handle while it appeared that economic, diplomatic and political sauctions were not being used to

the full.

The National Olympic Committee meet next week to make a final decision on Britain's representation in Moscow. The appeal secretary, George Nicholson, has delayed part of the appeal to industry and business until after the committee's decision.

Nigeria for Moscow: Nigeria plans to send athleres to Moscow. Sports Minister Paulinus Amadike said in Lagos: "If the Olympic Gemes came up tomorrow. smin in Lagos: "If the clympic Games come up tomorrow, Nigeria would go", Nigeria did not want to be seen as a country that practised "double stan-dards" much as it abhorred Soviet interference in Afghanistan.

Rugby Union



Robertson returns to the Scottish ranks

Slattery: passed fit for Ireland after hand injury.

mer's Moscow Games, stands at more than 600,000. Thousands of pounds are pouring in each week. The Government have traditionally had only a topping-up role in financing Olympic teams. This has come into play only once—in 1978, when a £15,000 grant made up for a shortfall in the cost of sending teams to the 1976 Montreal Games. A spokesman for the British Olympic Association said that, if this year's appeal failed to reach its target, the Government's new stance could mean either a smaller team going to Moscow or less equipment for the competitors to take with them.

"We have every hope of reaching the target," the spokesman added. He said sending a smaller team would be "a lest resert". Mr Motato was speaking after hearing leaders of sporting organizations tell a Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs that the Government had mishandled their opposition to the Cames, "We are making certain there is no Government money going towards financing the team going to Moscow", he said.

The Government fund the Sports Council, who in turn usually make up any shortfall of funds suffered Rugby Correspondent Scotland have been obliged to Scotland there been obliged to make another change in their XV for the match against Wales at Cardiff on Saturday. The right wing, Steve Munro, of Avr. has not made a sufficient recovery from a bout of influenza, and his

without having to make do in the absence of Robert Paparemborde. Their redoubtable right head collected a cut eyebrow playing for his club, Pau, last Sunday. The wound has turned septic and he has had to withdraw from the international against Ireland in Paule The sentiacomunity in Pierre

Cardiff on Saturday. The right wing, Steve Munro, of Avr, has not made a sufficient recovery from a bout of influenza, and his place goes to Keith Robertson (Melrose), who will be winning his seventh cap. Robertson played in all four championship matches last season, and against New Zealand in November. He then lost his place to Munro.

The Scottish selectors may have be bring in another stand-off half for John Rutherford, who is still troubled by a foor injury for which he needed a pain-killing injection when playing for Seikirk last weekend. They have already called up a new cap. Norte Rowan (Boroughmuir) to replace their first selection, ian Milne, at tight herd prop. Ron Wilson (London Scottish) is the stand-by for Rutherford, and, if he gets the summons, Bryan Gossman (West of Scotland) would then be the likely reserve.

France have had troubles enough at forward this season, meet a leading Argentine club, Smill ster entertain a New York Metropolitan XV.

Sports Council

Fact-finding mission must present positive report

The Sports Council's fact-finding mission to South Africa will reveal details of the progress made at all levels with multi-racial integration in sport, in their report which is to be issued today.

It was decided to send the delegation of five before the British Lions confirmed that they had accepted an invitation to tour South Africa. The Lions announced they would be going alward with the rour before the mission departed. Rughy officials saying they hoped to build bridges and the best way to bring a change in the apartheld law was to bring influence to best on the sporting field and not to adupt a policy of isolation.

World attention has been deflected away from Britain.

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sporting field and not to adopt a contemporary of isolation.

But there was an outery from the former England cricketer, African nations, who called for Easil D'Oliveira, who was born Britain to be expelled from the in South Africa; and the senior Olympic Games. Since that time, executive officer of the Sports Russia has invaded Afghanistan and Council, Olive Newson.

Motor racing

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Renault lap up rarefied air of Kyalami

By John Blansden

The formula one circus has arrived at Kyalami, Juhanne-burg, for the South African Grand Prix and the probability that Saturday's race—the third in the year's world championship—will provide Renault with a repeat of their recent success in Brazil.

So firmly are the French team established as favourites that anything less than a clear-cut victory in the 78-lap, 199-mile race will be considered by some as a partial failure, even though such a verdict would be less than fair to one of grand prix racing's best-tun teams.

The reason for their expected The formula one circus has

The reason for their expected deminance lies in the rareful atmosphere of the high plateau on which the Kyalami circum is simuated. This gives a turbocharged engine an estimated 13 per cent power advantage over a normality aspirated engine which offers equal power at sea level. As the formula are multiple are multiple in most equal power at sea level. As the Remaults are probably the most powerful cars on the starting grid to begin with, they should be in complete command, always pro-vided they can match their speed with reliability (last year both cars retired late in the race). with reliability (last year book cars retired late in the race).

Rende Arnoux and Jean-Pierre Jabouille, of the Renault team, dominated yesterday's first unofficial practice. Arnoux lopped more than two seconds off the official lap record and speut the rest of the morning in the pits watching his colleagues trying to catch up. By the end of the prictice Jabouille, his teammate, and another Frenchman, Jacques Lafitte, in a Ligier, had achieved faster times, but Arnoux was not bothered.

"Everything is OK", he said.

"Official practice tomorrow and on Friday is what counts." Jabouille had an unofficial best time of India 10,60sec for the 2,5-mile circuit, an average speed of 130

mph and 3.81sec faster than the lap record set in last year's race by Gilles Villeneuve, of Canada, the eventual winner.

Much will depend in the race's early stages on the ability of other cars and drivers to keep in touch with the Renaulty down the long with the Renaults down the long straight—one of the longest stretches of the-our driving in the grand prix calendar. The Williams and Ligiers can be expected to put up a good fight here, while the Arrows, which proved very fast in South America, must be in with a chance.

Recent performances in races and tests suggest that Lotus are emerging from their trough of rusfortune; and many eves will be on the Tyrrell 010s, the only new cars at Kyclami, the design

be on the Tyrrell Olds, the only new cars at Kyalomi, the descan of which would appear to have been influenced to some extent by the successful Williams.

It is unusual for Ferrari to go into the third race of the year without a point from either of their cars and drivers, although this is not the tirst time that the championship team and driver have found the going much tougher while wearing the crown than when fighting for it. The problems this year stems mainly man when training for it. He prehimmers this year stems mainly to have been a lack of traction. Extensive testing during the past month may help put the testin back on the leader board this

weekend.

The championship table is fed by Alan Jones with 13 points, fedtoved by Arnous with aloe, 2°d. Nelson Piouer and Ello de Angelis in third place with six each. Followers and account desirable land. in third piece with six each, rolling a recent destrion by the rolling FISA, this will be the last grand prix in which drivers can note on tyres of a type other than those they use to qualify for their starting grid positions.

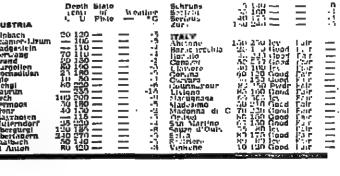
Breaking new ground

This year's RAC rally (sponsored by Lombard), which starts and finishes in Both, will break new ground by using Windomare as a rest helt, the event begins on November 16 and finishes three days later after a 1.700-mile route that includes 450 miles of tages, 450 of them on forest racks. 400 of them on forest tracks.

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In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower stopes and U to ugget



nors lost the first set on a 7—2 tiebrak, then fought off a break point in the seventh game of the second set and won a 7—1 tiebrak. He then broke McNamura's service notice in the first five games and coasted to his third-set Racing

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4-1 New Colonist, 9-2 Kildimo Star, 11-2 Captain Clover, 3-1 Coolafarky, 10-1 Little Gnat, 12-1 Shermoon, 14-1 Breakw 6-1 Royal Gaye. Jaier. 16-1 others.

3.45 ALDON CHASE (Handicap : £1,086 : 2½m)

4.15 CORVEDALE BURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: £518: 2m) 1.45 (1.46) MARREWOOD HURDLE (DIV 1: 4-y-0 novices. 2561: 2m)

FALKELLY, b or br [, by Pisselly — Fakade (A. Phillips), 11-0

Averson . P. A. Charlton (26-1) 2

Raemac . C. Hawkins (30-1) 3

ALSO MAN: 11-2 Gay Walk are;

8-1 Klondike Kapilye, 25-1 Magu Hyana
(1701, Whashing Jet, 1862), 1863, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1

By Michael Seely
1.45 Bridgerr Ams. 2.15 Salad. 2.45 Russell's Choice. 3.15 NEW
COLONIST is specially recommended. 3.45 Dancing-In-Irish. 4.15 Havon
Colonist is specially recommended.

Celtic Ryde to miss Champion Hurdle

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
It is often said that a week is
a long time in politics. To my way
of thinking a day seems to be a
lifetime in racing. On Tuesday
evening, everything appeared right
as far as both Celtic Ryde and
Venture to Cognac were concerned.
However, yesterday morning their
immediate plans were in turmoil.
Celtic Ryde, a leading fancy for
this year's Champion Hurtile, split
the pastern in his off fore-leg
whilst cantering on the downs
above Compton where he is trained by Peter Cundell.
This was confirmed later by an
X-ray examination and means that
he is hors de combat for the remainder of the season. That is bad
luck indeed, not only on the
horse's connexion's, but on those
who had the temerity to back him
antepost.

thing that Winter knew about the mishap was when he arrived on the course, having spent the previous night in Newmarket, staying with his mother. His office had been unable to contact him. In Venture to Cognac's absence the Surrey Novices Steeplechase was won by Southern Mobile who finished alone. Go Arrowsmith fellow feares from home and Styre horse's connection's, but on those who had the temerity to back him antepost.

Those who went to Lingfield Park yesterday especially to see Venture to Cognac run in the Surrey Novices' Steeplechase were also frustrated. And in all honesty there could have been no other discontinuous finished alone. Go Arrowsmith fell five fences from home, and Starbight Lad, the only other runner, came to grief two out when looking the likely winner. Sadly, he was too lame afterwards to be remounted to take second prize. Southern Mobile's trainer, Josh Gifford, told me later that he felt

reason for going there because, this main attraction apart, it was an appailing card. Fred Winter's promising young horse was found lame in his off fore knee when he was attended to early in the morning. Those involved are hoping that he may have just banged it in his box, and that it will clear up quickly.

Any setback, however slight, is conrage. Incldentally Southern Mobile was ridden by John Franconic because Gifford's talented young stable jockey, Richard young stable jockey, Richard Sowe, dislocated a shoulder fulling at Doncaster on Monday. Rowe is hoping to be fit in time for Cheltenham.

Winter's day of discontent was

able old horse. At an age when most would have already spent several years out to grass in retirement, he recently won his twenty-fifth race at Southwell. It could only have been an ephilarating moment for his young rider, Ben de Haan, and together they should prove a hard combination to beat again today. Diatingo is owned by the Duke bluation to beat again today.

Diatingo is owned by the Duke of Alburquerque whose own exploits in the saddle in the racing field were almost as much a legend as that of Sonny Somers. Now enjoying well-deserved ratirement, the Duke has handed the riding of his borses over to his son the Marquis de Caellar.

Race riding for the first time

Cheltenham.

Winter's day of discontent was complete when French Garcon, his runner in the Felcourt Handicap Steeplechase foil. Disappointed, as he obviously was, not to be able to run Venture to Cognac, he should at least be able to console himself today with the knowledge that he ought to bounce back into the limelight at Lingfield Park this afternoon by saddling Sonny Somers to win the Westerham Handicap Steeplechase, and Diatingo to win the Orpington Novices' Hurdle.

Sonny Somers Is a truly remark-

Caroline, brought Grittar with a beautifully timed run to beat the 6 to 4 favourite, Fair Rambier in the hunter chase.

Grittar is trained by his owner, the Cottesmore farmer Frank Gilman who said afterwards: "Grittar was a pretty useful horse over hurdles. And now that he has found his form. I would expect the gelding to win again."

Carmody's perfectly timed race on an awkward customer

By Michael Seeky
Tony Dickinson saddled his fiftieth winner of the season at Wetherby yesterday when Tommy Carmody drove Hallex Pep to a head victory over Fortina's Express in the Micklythwate Hondicap Hurdle. Carmody rode a perfectly timed race on this rather awkward customer. Holding the gelding at the rear of the field until well past half way, the pair moved up rounding the final turn. Striking the front at the final turn. Striking the front at the final flight, Hallex Pep looked home and dried, but in the last 50 yards the six-year-old's stride started to shorten, and in a few more yards, the rummer-ap's nose would have been in front.

Michael Dickinson, the trainer's son, was full of praise for Carmody. "I've never seen Tommy ride a better tace. We've had to sweeten him up. And Carmody was under strict instructions not to touch him with the whip". The Irish jockey goes to Hereford

2.35 (2.15) LAND-ROVER HUNTERS' CHASE (CSCI: 5m 100yds) GRITTAR, h g, by Grisaille— Thrama F. Gilman 17-11-0 Miss C. Saunders (11-2)

Fair Rambler Mr T. Tate 16-4 (Av) 2 Monerche Heir Mr J. Walker 13-1) 3

ALSO MANA 10-1 Big Mudder (br).
12-1 Princ Tolk Comet.
23-1 Christmas Comet.
25-1 Man.
25-1 Christmas Comet.
25-1 Man.
25-1 Christmas Comet.
25-1 Man.
25-1

Wetherby

ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Padad, 11-2 Bromnier (4kh), 8-1 Greedan Fighter, 13-1 Broken-Country, Foglogund, 14-1 Trickers, 16-1 Gold, invador, 25-1 Cool (ashre), Misty Bey, 35-1 Ingham, Uncle Vanya, 14 ran

TOTE: Win, 64p; pieces, 12p, 21p. 17p; dual forecast, £4.03. CSF £3.83. A. Dickinson, at Harswood, Hd, 5t.

3.15 (3.18) SICKLINGHALL CHASE (Novices: £1,079 ; 2m 50yts)

ARCTIC ANDER: b m. by Lember— Artic Dawn /Mrs. D. Whitaker' 6-11-8 R. Barry (S-6) ? Golden Jest. Lamb (S-1) 2 Green Dancer, J. J. O'Nelli (7-2) 3

pectively. O'Neill said after the race, that he had yet to decide on both his Gold Cup and Champlon Hardle mounts. "It will either be Celric Ryde or Silver Shadow in the hurdle and I shall have to choose between Jack of Trumps and King Weasle in the Gold Cup."

Cup."

It has not yer been decided whether King Weasle will run in the Greenall Whitley. But O'Neill said that he had not been over-impressed with Jack of Trumps at Leopardstown. "I've never ridden a horse in such a severe bit. It worked all right, but the horse will have to show dramatic improvement to have any chance at Cheltenham." The champion jockey concluded by saying that Silver Buck was the one they all had to beat in the blue riband of steeplechasing.

Further dramatic evidence of

Further dramatic evidence of women's ability to hold their own with men over fence, was given when Dick Saunders's daughter,

the gelding to win again."

At Ludlow, this afternoon, Dickinson can win the Forbra Gold Challenge Cup with New Colonist, who should be all the better for his first race of the season when runner-up to Godfrey Secundus at Bangor-on-Dee. Dancing in Irish, a comfortable winner at Wincanton last week, should have little difficulty in delying his 51b penalty in the Aldon Handicap Chase. Finally, after Russell's Choice's 12 lengths victory at Newbury, it may pay to overlook his defeat by Man On The Run at Chepstow. Toby Balding's six-year-old looks the pick of the weights in the Stokesay Stayers Handicap Hurdle. 14-1 Canton (4th). Towns of low, 20-1 Legames (f), 25-1 Chapel Close (pt), .53-1 Brookinsd, King Tud (pt), 12 ran. TOTE Win, 1'm places, 10p. 22p. tp: dual forecast, \$1.51. CSF 21.01. Richards, at Greystoke, St. 41.

2.45 (2.47) MICKLETHWAITE HUR-BLE (Handicap: \$1.500: 30) HALLEX PEP, B d. by Hallez-Peppard:1047 (Mrs. S. Wilkin-sun; 0-10-8 T. Catmody (3-1) 1 Forthars Express . R. Lamb (6-1) 2 Richdee . . . C. Hawkins (5-1) 3 3 45 (5.48) EAST KESWICK CHASE (Handkap 61,42) 21;m 100;do) BORDER BRIG. Let g, hy New Brig Lucomo (R. Brewis: 9-11-10; C. Pimioli: 19-4; Johnsthan's Choice, T. V. O'Connell (5-21)
Wrakin Pursuit, J. Isherwood (7-1) ALSO RAN : 5-1 Come on Steve (ur).

11-1 Gay Kempley (bd), 16-1 Venetian Billid (f., 20-1 Maineys Machine Rilder (bd), 25-1 Joe Lee, 50-1 Uncla Tourney (4th), 10 rap. TOTE: Win. 51p. places, 10p 12p. ALSO RAN: 11-1 Regeric (gr.), 13-1 26p; dual forecast, 59p. CSf: 83p. Loyal Partner. Midsummer Nary (f). R, Browls, as Belford.

4 15 (4.17) MAREWD HURDLE (Div. 2: 4-yo Novices: £555 : 2m) THUMPS, or a. Town Crier—Galosh (W. 1997am) 11-0 J. J. Neill W Ingram: 11-0 S. 11-12-13 2 stocker Move, G Grant (12-1) 2 stocker Move, R. Barry (5-1) 3 ALSO RAN. 8-1 [Cool Down (4]h); 16-1 Red Gem, 2(-1 Gibbon, 5'-1 Pompir Slar, Bluelcan Queen, Gin Rentielff, Gorsly, Pebble Path (f), 11 ran. 11 ran.

10T1 Win. 17p places. 10p. 5.tp.
10p dual forciast. £1.34. CSF: 95p.
N. H. Easterby, at Malton, 41 sh ho.
NR. Fills 4'Or.

TOFE DOUBLE, Gritar and Hallex
Pep. £39.13. TREALE: Halley Pep.
Artic Ander and Burter Brig. win
disidend £18.25. PLACEPOT: £1.5b.

Byrne on Batista

Noel Meade has booked Joe Byrne, the Irish National Hunr champion jockey, to ride Batista in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park on Saturday.

Linglield Park results 3.0 (2.4) HEDDON HURDLE (D)v (: Novices: 2618 2m) PRIESTCROFT STAR, ch m, by Schult Sons-Upers Nab (V. Schult Sons-Upers Nab (V. Hainer, 6-10-7 P. Killick (7-3) 1 Haywirs . Mrs D. Galsey (3-1) 2 Duberly J. Killiams (8-1) 3

ET.745.2m)
SOUTHERN MOBILS, by 8, by
Tyrani—Harbriderous (Southern
Caravan Group), 7:11-9
Laravan J. Francone (11-8 fav) 1

ALSO RAN 6-4 Startight Lad [1] STATE OF GOING (official): Jang100-50 Up Arrowsmith [1] Jran.

TOTC: Win 179, Dual forecast [1] Tothorrow, Hardock Park, Soft, Newtwinner with any other horse), LSS;
213 (winner with any other), J.
131 (ord. at Findon, NR: Venture to
Lognac, Mr. Savin, Sky Glow, Reckoner, Mr. Savin, Sky Glow.)

8 30 (3 32) EDEMBRIDGE HURDLE (Handwal), EM24; Elgari Handmap. 1834: 2 pp.

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ALSO RAN. 9:2 Princely (by 5-1
Woodshim 13th. 15-2 bunchastier,
10-1 Singed of Light, 14-1 Jolly Melody
1put, 3-1 Ulago Uold, 9 ran.
10TE Win. 54 places, 1tp. 22h.
50p. dual ingreas. 140, 15-2 b.
8. Mellor, at Lambourn, 51, 191. Duberty ... Vallarms 18-11 3

ALEO RAN 5-2 (av North West 11),
6-1 Guernaventure 14th 7-12 Consider the 7-12 Consider th Pamily Man Mr R. Thomson (20-1) 3 D. Granter. M. 31.

ALSO RAN 100-30 Ballyterlar, 10-1 Lord sp the Rings (ms. 14-1 Rings) 14-1 Rings (ms. 14-Crack (4th. 25-) Calle Forecast, 53-1
Abbrook (f). Cettle Output (f). Support (f). Cherroco, Dork Tan. Daybox (f). Support (f). Support

Lingfield Park programme 2.0 GODSTONE CHASE (Novices: £1,164: 2m)

5 00000 Amberfield, J. Giffers, 7:11-0 A. Balinor 5 400440 Hello Lana, T. Palmer, 11-11-0 Mrs P. Palmer 6 230ppf King Flush, R. Hodges, 0-11-0 Mr R. Calfow 2 90-0 Sus Mercy, J. Panvert, 7-11-0 M. Bastard 7-1 Amberfield, 2-1 Hello Luna, 7-2 King Flush, 9-2 Sun Mercy, 2.30 WORTH WOOD HURDLE (45-0: Novices: £519: 2m) O2201 Allanstawn, H. O'Nelli, 10-7 S. Stokes
O2001 Allanstawn, H. O'Nelli, 10-7 R. Rower
Isadoer, A. Neaves, 10-7 J. Alchurst
O Italian Summer, W. Turner, 10-7 P. Commer
232040 Miss Saddler, R. Hodges, 10-7 S. G. Knisht
OO Mulberry Fool, W. Turner, 10-7 R. Flow
OOD Pollys Folly, D. Ringer, 10-7 S. McNelli
OODp04 Radnerckifo, A. Moore, 10-7 S. McNelli
OODp04 Radnerckifo, A. Moore, 10-7 S. McNelli
OODp04 Radnerckifo, A. Moore, 10-7 S. McNelli 10-11 Allanstown, 9-2 Pollys Folly, 5-1 Radnorthije, 8-1 Mass Saddler, 10-liakan Summer, 12-1 Mulberry Fool, 20-1 others. 3.0 HIDDEN MYSTERY CHASE (Handicap: £2,389: 21m) 502 400443 Braemount Dan (D), P. Winter, 7-11-10 ... J. Francomp 503 310430 Tippolino (D), P. Cande'i, 8-11-7 ... N. Davies 504 11-1283 Lochus (C,D), T. Porster, 9-11-1 ... Mr T. Thomson Jones 1-6 Breemount Don. 9-4 Lochus, 4-1 Tippolino. 3.30 WESTERHAM CHASE (Handicap: £1,374: 3m) | 132104 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 1321044 | 13210 4.0 MEDWAY HURDLE (Handicap: £1,012: 2m) | Total | The Color | Total |

Not Mandaronhas, 3-1 Double Treat, 4-1 Night Porter, 6-1 Princely Rifle, 8-1 Nampara Cove, 10-1 Chain of Reasoning, 13-1 Splendid Summer. 4.30 ORPINGTON HURDLE (4y-o: Novices: £795: 2m) -30 UKPINGTON HUKDLE (4.y-0: NOWICES: 2.795; 2m)
601 f012 Brightne Marina (0), 3/25 A. Sintiair, 11-1 R. Rowell
603 Glitter Star, 8. Wip., 11-1 ... K. Davice 7
604 600 Good Glitter Star, 8. Wip., 11-1 ... M. Perrett 7
610 D Golden Cape, R. Smyth. 10-10 ... Marquia de Cucliar
611 GO Golden Cape, R. Smyth. 10-10 R. Berry 7
612 Golden Cape, R. Swyth. 10-10 R. Berry 7
613 Golden Gape, R. Voorspil, 10-10 ... J. Akchurst 7
62 Diatogo, 7-2 Brightne Marina, 4-1 Glinter Star, 6-1 Golden Cape, 8-1
Albany Victor, 13-1 Hanovia Light, Poor Son.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Razing Correspondent 2.0 Amberfield, 2.30 Allanstown, 3.0 Lochus, 3.30 Sonny Scmers, 4.0 Dutch freat, 4.30 Diatingo,

Labour MPs protested during quesion time about the Government ecommendation that British ath-etes should not attend the Moscow Dympic Games.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) asked for a statement on ministerial discussions with the British Olympic Committee on the siting of the Olympic Games.

Mr Hector Moure, Under Secre-tary for Environment and Minister for Sport (Dumfries, C)—I have for Sport (Dumfries, C)—I have had several informal discussions in recent weeks with the office bearers and the general secretary of the British Olympic Association. The siting of the Olympic Games was included in the subjects

I am fully aware of their approach to the subject and they are in no doubt of the strength of the Government's views.

the Government's views.

Mr Dalyell — What is the justification for allowing the Moscow branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank to continue its commercial operations, to allow the EEC to sell butter to the Russians, and to keep an ambassador there, while saying to our athletes "You canhot go there"?

"Since President Curter got what he wants in New Hampshire, is it not time to end this nonsense?

Mr Monro-Mr Dalyell te totally

Mr Monto—Mr Dalyell is totally misguided as to why we are talding such strong action over this. It is intolerable that we should go there will the invasion of Afghanistan continues.

Mr Selwyn Gummer (Eye, C)— Will the minister make sure that the British Olympic Committee is told that it is intolerable to say that this Government is bringing politics into the Olympics when they voted for the exclusion from the Olympics of Taiwan, Phodesia and South Africa. That was a polit-

Mr Monro—It was the International Olympic Committee rather than the British Olympic Association but it is a statement of fact that South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games. It was a political

Vir Denis Howell, an Oppositio spokesman on environment (Bir-mingham, Small Beath, Lab)— South Africa was excluded by the IOC itself and not by any govern-

nent.
It is intolerable to expect Mr. It is intolerable to expect Mr.
Sebastian Coe and other distinguished athletes to confront Russian military might when ICI has
just announced the opening of new
offices in Moscow and a minister
has made clear that asport guarantees for trade with Russia will
continue. It is disgraceful to discommete against sport in this way.

Mr Monro—Mr Howell is getting extremely steamed up. He does not seem to accept the basic reasons for the Government attitude—the Russian invasion of Afghanism.

In view of the Government it is In view of the Government, it is en extremely sarious situation. That is why the Government has taken a large number of steps against the Soviet Union in trade and technology.

purchaser suffered the full effect

of the law and the offender escaped was to be deprecated, Mr

Marcus Fox, Under Secretary for the Environment, said during ques-

tions.

Mr Fox (Shipley, C) said that in general he was satisfied with the operation and effectiveness of Article 4 directions in planning control but was prepared to consider particular difficulties.

Mr John Heddle (Lichfield and

UK's unanswerable case over EEC budget

Britain had an unanswerable case in the discussions over reducing her EEC budget deficit, and the new French levy on United Kingdom lamb imports was illegal, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said during exchanges about forthcoming business to be conducted by REC ministers.

The french in removing one ban and purting on a totally unterceptable import levy, will not comribute to any sort of Community understanding?

Sir Ian Gilmour—The latest French measures on sheepmeat are also illegal—no less illegal than the previous ones. On the budget, we

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs (Crewe, Lab), in questioning him, said—It is painfully obvious that in spite of Sir Ian Gilmour's aristrocratic swanning around the capitals of Europe we are not going to have an early meeting on the budget.

When continents also have the

meeting on the budget.
What contingency plans have the
Cabinet produced for dealing with
the budgetary question? What does
it intend to do? Does it intend not
to pay for our proportion of VAT?
If not, how long does it expect to go on paying for many of the absurdities of existing Community

Will it be made clear in discussions on the sheepmeat regime that the sort of action being taken by

Tory council

that does

not want to

A Conservative MP complained during question time, amid Labour laughter, of the obstinacy of a Conservative-controlled council in the New Forest which refused to sell its houses.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) said—Many of my constituents in Lymington, Pennington, and New Milton who live in local authority houses are augry that their wishes to buy the houses they are in are thwarted by the obstinacy of this so-called Conservative council (Labour langhter.)

In order to enable me to redeem my pledges to my constituents at the last election, can the minister

make clear beyond peradventure that the Government will maintain its firm promise and ensure that

those people have the chaucs to buy the homes in which they have lived all their lives.

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Housing and Construction (Tonbridge and Malling, C)—The Government will not waver from the right-to-buy provision, and I am confident that Mr Adley's power of persuasion will sconer or later persuade the Tory authority in the New Forces to size the right

in the New Forest to give the right

In case Labour MPs form the

wrong conclusion, on the informa-tion available to me, of 195 Conser-vative-controlled local authorities, 194 are selling houses.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Criticism of small plots of

land sold for leisure

laughter.)

sell houses

Sir ian Gilmour—The latest French measures on sheepmear are also illegal—no less illegal than the previous ones. On the budget, we hope to make progress in the normal process of negotiation now taking place and we will seek every possible means of achieving a solution.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab)—What will he do about the £1,000m contribution to the budget? Unless we get unaminity of agreement, the composition of the CAP will not be changed one jot. We shall continue our pathetic stance of accepting all the rules of the EEC, making no move to get out, and paying through the nose for it.

Sir Ian Gilmour — Ther els nothing pathetic about our stance. We have not the remotest intention of getting out. Our intention is to

agreement.
On my tour of Europe, everybody agreed it was in the interest
not just of this country but the
Community to get this issue out of

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—What has happened to the special summit meeting on the British budget contribution which was pressed for by the Prime Minister in February? the Prime Minister in repruary:

Sir Ian Gilmour—It was decided at
Dublin that it would be a matter
for the President of the Council of
Ministers, Signor Cossiga, to
decide if there was a sufficient
prospect of agreement at an early
summit to make such a summit
worth while. He has decided that
condition was not in existence.

Mr Wedgwood Benn (Bristol, South-East, Lab)—Has he considered the growing pressure for some import controls over subsidized steel and car imports into this country from the Community?

Why is it we should have to pay

Counteracting the creeping and

faceless acquisition of companies

more for our food than we would have to pay on world markets whereas in a crucial industrial area

Sir Ian Gilmour-There has been of steel or cars. As he was a member of a government that twice applied to join the European Community and then remained a member of it after the referendum, knows perfectly well the answer

Later, referring to the budget question, he said: There is no doubt that we bave an unanswer-able case. We shall continue to put

Referring to the sheepmeat question and the French levy, he said: These practices are illegal. We have pressed the Commission to take interim measures in the courts. The Commission is the guardian of the Treaty. It is for it to act, not us. We can only see our views are made clear to them and that is what we have done.

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Taxpayers' right to be heard

regina v imand revenue Commissioners, Ex parte National Federation of Self-employed and Small Businesses Etd.

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ackner. the Rolls, Lord Justice y Lewton and Lord Justice Ackner.

The body of taxpayers represented by the National Federation of Self-employed and Small Businesses. Ltd have a genuine grievance in the ux amnesty granted by the Board of Inland Revenue to "Ficet Street casuals" which gives them "a sufficient interest, within Order 53 rule. 3, (5) of the Rules of the Supremei Court to seek a declaration; that the board had acted unlawfally in granting the amnesty and an order of mandamus directing the board to assess and collect income tax from such workers.

The Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Lawton dissenting, allowed an appeal by the federation, from the decision of the Divisional Court (the Lord Chief, Justice and Mr Justice Griffitis) that the federation had no sufficient interest to claim, the declaration and order sought.

Order 53; rule 1, provides: ""

from and order sought.

Order 53; rule 1 provides:

(1) An application for—(a) an order of mandamus, prohibition, or certiorari. shall be made by way of an application for judiby way of an applica-cial review ... (2) An applica-tion for a declaration ... may

By rule 3 "(1) No application for judicial review shall be made unless the leave of the court has been obtained ... (5). The court shall not grant leave unless that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter to which the application relates ".

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Mr Jon Harvey, QC, and Mr Stephen Siman for the federa-tion; Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Inland Revenue.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS The MASTER OF THE ROLLS and that there were about 6,000 men in Fleet Street who did casual work for newspapers. Some signed their pay dockers with fictious names like "Mickey Mouse of Sunset Boulevard" and "Sir Gordon Richards of Tattenham Corner" to hide their true identities so that they would not be discovered by the casman. The Revenue had been defrauded of about film a year.

The employers did not know their true name, only the three trade unions which controlled that side of the newspaper trade—NGA, Natsopa and Sogat—did.

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Griffiths

The Divisional Court ruled that the duty imposed on local authorities by the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1977, to provide accommodation for homeless persons is wfully in this country and was nor limited to those who had or had hoad a local connexion with the area of a housing authority in Great Britain.

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authority in Great Britain.

Their Lordships granted an application by Sophia Streeting, a refugee from Ethiopia, for an order of certiorari to quash a decision of Hillington London Borough Council that it owed no duty under the Act to provide accommodation for her and her child.

that the Act imposed a duty on local authorities to provide accom-

Was the duty owed to a stranger or was it limited to those who lived or had lived in this country?

ployers.

She was refused permission to live in Greece, and she decided that she could not return to Ethiopia because of the political situation. The Home Office granted her refusee status in November. In June, Mr Streeting's employers had refused to continue to gravide hotel accommodation. to provide hotel accommodation, and the applicant applied to the council for assistance under the

provide permanent accommoda-tion, stating "that no duty under

The device of using a ficultious name in signing for a pay parket defeated the Revenue authorities, who had no access to the union lists of names.

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A year or have age the BBC screened a programme exposing the frauds and the Revenue thought that shey, had to make a special arrangement with those concerned. Under the special arrangement the men were to give their true names for the future sind pay their taxes. But they were given an ampesty for much of the past and were to be let off most of the past ax of which they had definited the Revenue.

A principal inspector of taxes had said on affidavit that there was a real possibility of industrial action being taken; that the newspaper industry was peculiarly vulnerable to industrial action; and that any scheme could only be effective for the future if it were introduced by general agreewere introduced by general agreement, the object being to secure a new system for the future which

Many people, especially some self-employed and small shop-keepers, were shocked by the amnesty. They taked why should the casuals who had defrauded the Revenue, he given preferential matter of public interest, at treatment, when one of them (if. instance of any person gehm they had done any such thing) concerned. Administration would liave been pursued to the Wade (4th ed. 1977, p 608), uttermost farthing.

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The small men, firrough the federation, after legal advice, had taken advantage of the new procedure for "judicial review". They sought a declaration that the Revenue had acted unlawfully in granting the amnesty and an order to the board to assess and collect tax on the "Fieet Street casuals" according to law. eccording to law.

The Revenue authorities objected to the proceedings, saying that no one had any standing to come to the courts to complain of their actions. Not an ordinary citizen,

actions. Not an ordinary citizen, nor a taxpayer who was agerieved. Maybe the Attorney General might do so, but he had never been known to proceed against a government department.

Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers (1978) AC 435) was concerned only with relator actions. Lord Wilberforce said that pravogative writs were "oftan applied for by individuals and the courts have allowed them liberal access under a generous conception: of locus staudi". Those remedies applied only to public authorities, not to trade unions: so they were not available in Gourier's case.

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not available in Gouriet's case.

The appeal raised a major problem. In the mineteenth century it was thought that the prerogative remedies applied only where the applicant had a "specific legal right" to ask for the court's interference: The Queen v Lewisham Union Guardians ([1897] 1 QB 498, 500), a deployable decision; and R v Commissioners of Customs and Excise, Ex parte Cook ([1970] 1 WLR 450). Those cases meant that public authorities could break trade unions which controlled that side of the newspaper trade—NGA, Natsopa and Sogat—did.

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Queen's Bench Division

was one of the top 15 companies in the United Kingdom and the second largest gold mining comno local connexion

The Divisional Court ruled that

Mr Andrew Arden for the ap-plicant; Mr David Flercher for the council, MR JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said

local authorities to provide accommodation for homeless persons. Was that duty owed to all homeless persons lawfully in this country, or was it limited to homeless persons who had a local connexion with the area of a housing authority in Great Britain? Was the duty owed to a connexion. lived or had lived in this country?

The applicant was born in Ethiopia, where she lived until 1975, when she went through a form of marriage to a Mr Alan Streeting, an Englishman, Thereafter she lived with him as his wife, and he cared for her child, who was not his child. Later she discovered that Mr Streeting was discovered that Mr Streeting was married at the time he went through the marriage ceremony.

through the marriage ceremony.

The couple lived together abroad, visiting this country for periods of leave. Mr Streeting died in April, 1979, in Libya. He had provided a flat in Athens for the applicant and her child while he worked in Libya.

His body was buried in Yorkshire and the applicant and child came over. On arrival the applicant was given a limited permis-

cant was given a limited permission to stay until November, and was for the first few weeks accommodated in an hotel at the expense of Mr Streeting's em-

The council provided temporary accommodation for her and the child and made innuiries into her situation pursuant to section 3(1). It concluded that the was homeless; that because of her dependent child she had a priority need; and that she had not become homeless intentionally. Those findings would normally oblige the council to provide accommodation under section 4(5).

However, the council refused to provide permanent accommoda-

the Act was owed to an applicant who has or had no local connection

Regine v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parts contended that that was of no significance because the duty to provide accommodation under sections 3 and 4 was 2 duty owed. to all persons and was not qualified by a local connexion requirement

The council conceded that there were no express words in the Act limiting the duty to persons with a local comention, and submitted that it could not have been Parliament's intention to impose a duty on local authorities to provide accommodation for all and sundry who chose to pour into the sundry who chose to pour into the country from abruad and then present themselves as homeless. That would place an intolerable burden upon local authorities, in particular, those like Hillpagdon whose area was adjacent to a large airport like Heathrow. Therefore it was submitted that the Act must be read as limited to our own homeless and to exclude these coming from abroad in the situation of the applicant; for to read it in any other way would produce

it in any other way would produce an absurd and unworkable result. Those contentions might carry great weight if anyone could enter this country and settle without let or bindrance, but that was not the case. Immigration was strictly controlled, and it was not realistic to suppose that large numbers of persons would be allowed to enter the country, either on a temporary or permanent basis, when they had nowhere to smy while they

Occasionally there would be cases like the present where per-sons who had been allowed to euter had no place to stay. The purden then would no doubt tend burden then would no doubt tend to fall upon the authorides near alroors or seaports, and his Lordship had sympathy for them; for it seemed hard that the burden should be borne unaided by their ratepayers. But those circumstances were known to Parliament in 1977, and his Lordship was unpersuaded by the council's arguments that words should be read into the Act. read into the Act.

Local authorities would be protected from an influx of home-less persons from abroad by the immigration rules, and they had the further protection that a person abroad could not give up his accommodation and expect to be housed by a local authority. nis accommodation and expect to be housed by a local authority under the Act because by intentionally making himself homeless abroad the person would have disentified himself to relief under the Act: De Felca y Crawley Borough Council (The Times, December 13, 1979).

Nor was there anything to pre-vent an authority from discharging its duty by arranging for accom-modation to be provided in the country from which the appli-cant had come: R v Bristol City Council, Ex parte Browne [[1979] 1 WLR 1437]. A homeless person under the Act included a person who had no local connexion with the area of any authority. The council therefore owed a duty to provide the applicant and her child with accompanying.

accommodation. That conclusion was reached with sansfaction for if ever anyone needed the succour of the Act it was the applicant and her child-komeless refugees In a strange country.

The Lord Chief Justice agreed. The council's decision was quashed. The applicant was awarded her chets.

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what was a sufficient interest "? Any "person aggreed" by the failure of a public authority to do its duty had a sufficient interest. The words "person aggreered" were of wide import: Attorney General of the Gambia v N'lle ([1961] AC 617,634).

AC 617,634).

In Arsenal Football Club v Ende ([1979] AC 1,17), Lord Wilberforce said that "to produce a sense of justice was an important objective of taxation policy". A raterayer had a standing to complain whenever his local authority did something which they ought not to do, or omitted to do something which they ought to do ? Prescatt v Birmingham Corporation ([1955] 1 Ch 210): R v GLC, Ex parte Blackburn ([1976] 1 WLR 550).

His Lordship saw no justifica.

His Lordship saw no justifica-tion for the submission that ratepayers were a race apart from other men, that the courts for centuries had listened to their grievances whereas they would refuse other people. The law "should recognize that public authorities should be compeliable to perform their duties as to perform their duties, as a matter of public interest, at the instance of any person genuinely concerned." Administration Lan.

Did those self-employed and small shopkeepers, through their federation, have a "sufficient interest" to complain of the amnesty? Did they have a genuing grievance? Or were they mere busybodies, who meddled officiously in other people's affairs? The matter was to be decided objectively.

The Revenue should be allowed.

The Revenue should be anowed to negotiate with taxpayers—and come to a settlement—without being harassed by complaints from members of the public generally. It was most undesirable that every low. Dick or Harry should be The Revenue should be allowed Tom, Dick or Harry should be allowed to call the Revenue to account for their stewardship.

account for their newardship.
But it was suggested that the annesty was forced on the Revenus by threats of industrial action. The Shorter Oxford Discionary defined "annesty" as "a general overlooking or pardon of past offences...". By the common law an agreement not to prosecute an offender was an unlawful agreement. So it might be unlawful for the Revenue authorities or same an annesty or seree not to grant an annesty or agree not to collect taxes. For the purpose of the preliminary point the court had been invited by the Revenue to proceed on the assumption that they acted unlawfully because they had no discensing power.

If the self-employed and small shopkeepers could not complain no one else could; no one had a locus standi to complain. Rather than grant the Revenue a dispensing power, his Lordship would allow the body of taxpayers represellow the body of taxpayers represented by the federation to complain.

plain.

The self-employed and small shopkespers were not mere busy bodies. They had a genuine grievance because, as they saw it, "Fleet Street casuals," were getting out of paying their back taxes because of their industrial muscle. They felt that was unfair and that it should be put right. They asked the courts to consider their grievance and say whether or not it was well-founded. They should not be brushed off. The appeal should

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, disnied giving way under trade union pressure. If their decision was ever looked into, it might be

found that they were entitled to do what they did and that what they did was both sensible said lawful. The truth, however, was lawful. The truth, however, was not likely to be revealed without full disclosure of all relevant documents and cross-examination. The law as to who could apply to the cours to set in motion remedies for public grievauces was in need of clarification.

In the context of Order 53 the words "a sufficient interest in the matter to which the application relates" connoted a concern in a right or title or the performance of a public duty. For an interest to come within rule 3(5) there must be a conversion with there must be a connexion with the subject matter of the appli-cation greater than that which citizens generally might have.

Ratepayers in an adjoining rating area had been held to have a "sufficient interest": the Arsenal FC case. Every ratepayer had an interest in what every other ratepayer paid: income tav-payers had no similar interest in what others paid.

The commissioners for a long time had granted individuals and proups of taxpayers concessions for which there seemed to be no statutory authority, "extra-statu-tory concessions". Some had been the subject of critical judicial com ment, others were generally re-garded as sensible.

A taxpayer was never likely to complain about concessions of which he had had the benefit. The courts should be slow to listen to the barking of the dog in the

the barking of the dog in the manger.

Taxpavers having grievances about the way the commissioners performed their duties could not use the courts through an order of mandamus to put right what was wrong. The courts might be the public's watchdogs over government departments and public bodies and officers; but as the House of Lords had recently emphasized they could not extend their jurisdiction. If the present application were put on the side of the line where the federation wanted it, anyone's genuine concern for good and lawful government, whether at national or local level, would be sufficient to justify a judicial review. That would be inconvenient and unconstitutional. The lack of a remedy in the Courts did not mean that justice might not be done elsewhere. The appeal should be dismissed on the ground that the applicants had not shown a "sufficient interest" in the matter to which the apphication related.

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the appheation related.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER, for allowing the appeal, said that he could see no logical distinction between the position of a rate-payer who could reasonably assert that he had a genuine grievance between his assessment and that of others in the same rating area, whether or not his pocket was affected, and the position of a taxpayer who could reasonably assert that his sense of justice or fairness was offended by the unlawful act of the Revenue in allowing his fellow taxpayers not to pay their tax. They had in common the ability reasonably to assert a genuine grievance and that seemed to be a "sufficient interest" to to be a "sufficient interest" to cive them a locus standi. His Lordship would hold that the federation had a locus small and were cutiled to have the merits of the dispute decided.

The appeal was allowed.

Legal access for all to countryside

The countryside was not a museum but part of the natural and national heritage, Mr David Clarke (South Shields, Lab) said when he successfully sought leave to intro-duce the Access to Commons and Open Country Bill.

The aim of the Bill, he said, was to allow legal access to all commons and to grant right of access for air and exercise to all open land. The traditional right of many

people to have access to commons had been limited over the last 100 years. It was time this problem was sorted out once and for all. On two occasions he had been put off public footpaths on the moors at gun point by people who said they did not recognize the law regarding the Queen's Highway. The time has come (he said) to

give this freedom, this right, back to our people to wander freely over open moorland and mountains.

Insulation of many houses still possible

It was open to local authorides if they chose to carry out the largest insulation programme for council houses in their history, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Housing and Construction, said during questions.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Edge Hill, L) added—Has he received representations today from the British Association of Insulation Manufacturers? What is his response to their allegations that there will be over-capacity in their firms as a result of the reduction of 21 per cent for the amount available for insulation in his announcement last week?

Mr Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling, C)—Comments in the press today on insulation grants are highly misleading. It is suggested that insulation for council houses is no longer available but it is now covered under a single block and it is open to local authorities, if they choose to do so, to carry out the largest insulation programme in their history.

lend have planning potential. It is necessary to redefine the words in the Town and Country Planning Act.

Mr Fox-I deprecate the practice of selling small leisure plots with the result that the purchaser suffers the full effect of the law

and the offender escapes. I am aware of the weakness in Ardicle 4 directions concerned with the use and not the ownership of land. I will look carefully at the Kent Bill Tamworth, C)-There are specula- in the House of Lords.

The clauses were draconian, but these were issues of life and death to many of leading companies. Britain was the only major trading country where it could occur on

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said his concern about Consoli-dated Gold Fields was that the company had major interests in North Sea oil exploration, gold and uranium mining, road construction and transport. These could be regarded as interests of strategic as well as economic importance. He was concerned that within a short space of time by covert means an effective controlling interest could be built up in one of the 15 biggest companies in the United Kingdom.

While in favour of the substantial relaxation in exchange control he had to recognize that it meant that the firm rule that an overseas

It was recognized that when the results of the inquires were known it might be necessary for action to be taken. It would be fooli h to introduce half thought-out measures against a background of comparative ignorace of the facts. buyer had to secure Bank of England approval when buying more than 10 per cent of a United Kingdom company, had gone by the board. ments which it was said sought to deal with the serious issue for British companies raised by the recent case of Consolidated Gold Fields was moved by Mr Clinton Davis, an Opposition spokesman on Some companies had used this new freedom as a means of building up share interests in British companies which formerly would have had to have been disclosed. trade, when the report stage of the Companies Bill resumed.

Mr Clinton Davis (Hackney, Central, Lab) explained that the first two of the new clauses represented a general approach as disduct from the specific proposals of two other clauses which provided the detailed and draconian powers needed to render Section 27 of the

Companies Act 1976 more effec-He said that a serious matter had been raised by the Consolidated Gold Fields case. Serious threats were posed to the ownership of United Kingdom quoted com-

When about 25 per cent of the when about 25 per cent of the top 1,000 companies circle by The Times were already controlled by foreign shareholdings, the importance of dealing with the matter effectively could be recognized.

When it came to taking effective remedial action to deal with an abuse the Government took its characteristic pocture of masterly inactivity. They needed to strengthen the provisions of Section 27 of the 1976 Act by providing companies and the Secretary of State with effective sanctions.

The danger to British companies the said) has arisen as a result of

(he said) has arisen as a result of the abolition of exchange control regulations which this case has illustrated vividly. It was now much easier for over-

seas investors to accumulate sec-retly large stakes in United King-dom companies and to bid for dom companie them outright. The Cousoidated Gold Fields case had posed an enormous question mark over the ability of the City to regulate its affairs. The Takeover Panel and the Department of Trade had proved power-less to deal with the breach of the

less to deal with the breach of the gentlementy understanding which operated in the City. The system and the spirit of the law had been flouted. Anglo-American seemed to have land sold for leisure

The practice of selling small plots tors who are leading prospective of land for leisure in which the purchasers to believe such plots of criminal offence. On the morning

of that Tuesday much specific price sensitive information was exchanged between, as the Financial Times had put it, a favoured few in pursuance of a swift and certain gain. The question was whether Parliament could learn any lessons from the main issues of the Consolidated Gold Fields case and whether it

required an attempt at legislative action. In about 90 minutes £100m had changed bands. The whole thing might never have been detected if Consolidated Gold Fields fortuitously had not kept a tally of unregistered shares. Large companies could be acquired piecemeal and furtively.

A change in the law was needed to ensure that the law could not again be by-passed, to compel parties acting in concert to declare their position if, together, they held more than 5 per cent of the capital of a company. That was needed to preserve undestinable mercerous inprevent undestrable mergerous in-

Mr. Clinton Davis, intervening, said: Presumably the report of the inspectors will not be available for a considerable period, po sibly many months. In the meantime, this precedent which has been established could be repeated and there is no defensive mechanism available in the interim. have had to have been disclosed. Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, East, Lab) said until the appointment of the two Department of Trade inspectors to examine the share ownership of Gold Fields there was no possibility of the Oppenheimer bid being revealed. There was no legal means to force Oppenheimer to declare himself. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade (South Hertfordshire. C) said the Consolidated Gold Fields case had highlighted a problem. A substantial ultimate holding in a United Kingdom company had been acquired without the company being aware or informed of the share transactions that had taken place or being able Would it not be pos ible for the Government to carry out the necessary consultations before the Bill reached the House of Lords and completes its pas age there?

rotmen of the snare transactions that had taken place or being able to find out until a late stage who the new very substantial shareholder was.

A number of questions came out oft he case—whether or not the law enabled companies and the surfortites advantagely to identify

law enabled companies and the suthorities adequately to identify concert parties and whether or not in practice both the law and the provisions of the regulatory authorities could be applied equally to United Kingdom persons and persons acting from overseas.

Were new problems arising from the abolition of exchange control? It might be that the existence or non-existence of exchange controls would have been irrelevant in this case. They would have to wait and see what emerged from the investigations.

pations.
One of the most unsatisfactory features of the Consolidated Gold Fields case was the way in which the small shareholder was denied an opportunity to share in this particular bid.

He felt massionately that they He felt passionately that they must encourage the spread of shareholdings and would seek to do it in every possible way. If they were going to encourage small shareholders to hold shares, it was vital they had confidence in the

This (he said) is one of the least attractive features of the Consolidated Gold Fields case.

The final question was what action could be taken by the com-pany itself through suitable provi-sions in its articles to ensure that

reeping acquisition of control by unknown persons was made unatese were not new problems Both the Government and the self-re-ulatory authorities had the mat-ter under permanent and continu-ing scrutiny. He felt there was a subsantial role for non-stantory reulation as well as statutory reg-ulation in the scrutices sphere.

There was a role for tre Stock Exchange Council and the Council for the Securities Industry to look at this affair from their own point of view and see what steps they could take to improve their own arrangements, for the episode had raised a number of matters o

gitimate concern. legismate concern.

It was unfair to say the Department of Trade did nothing. Within 48 hours of being approached, inspectors were appointed. The Stock Exchange had established its own dissatisfaction. The Takeover Panel was making it own investi

garion.
It could not be regarded as sen-If could not be regarded as sensible to rush into new measures now. The Government, the Stock Edchange Council and the CSI were all looking at their own areas of responsibility.

They were deciding how they could adapt their own regulations and rules in the light of the situation which had developed. For the Government to charge i and make changes in its arrange-ments in the middle of inquiries

I hope to establish a cooperative said) and to have consultations about this, I can not, however, which were being treated as a mat-ter of urgency would be fooli h. We do not have a wholly statu-tory regulatory system (he said) but we do need concerted action b the Government, the CSI and the Tock Exchange if we are going adequately to deal with the prob-lem.

Firearms policy

The Bill was read a first time. Decline in manufacturing industry posing serious threat to economy

House of Lords
A radical change was required in
the approach to the assessment of
company performance. Lord Gregson, an Opposition spokesman,
said when opening a debate on the
Finniston report, Engineering Our
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Emphasis was needed on the extent to which development moneys were being spent to ensure the future well-being and profitabi-lity of enterprises.

Development expenditure within Development expenditure within present accounting standards was normally written off in the year it occurred and must therefore be paid off directly out of profit. Given present low profitability the situation was self-inhibiting.

This was the root of the critical problem of the lack of product development in Britain. Some pumo oriming was necessary. This

pump priming was necessary. This could be most readily done if development costs properly verified ranked for additional tax relief. The Finniston committee was concerned with the engineering tions in all aspects. Its report sought to establish that engineering was essential for the economic and material well-being of an industrialized country such as Britain and that in more recent

times engineering had not been encouraged to develop and play its e. secoloration decline of manufacturing industry posed a serious threat to the social and economic well-being of Britain. In status was essential if they were to

recommendations of the report was to set up a new statutory engineer-ing authority to deal with the edu-cation, qualification, and registra-tion of engineers and to influence the policy of employers. Govern-ment, and others concerned with engineering.

ment, and others concerned with engineering.
Lord Avebury (L) said it was a disgrace that only half-a-per-cent of the stock of engineers were women. They had excluded half the talent which the profession ought to have been able to recruit. Today only 3 per cent of engineering students were women. This was one of the most shocking stutistics in the Finniston report and one of the reasons Britain was not only the sick man of Europe, but the world.

but the world.

They should concentrate on practical steps to improve their manufacturing performance rather than to imagine that rescue was to be sought through modetarist gurus. Lord Scanlon, in a maiden sneech. said that too many of their well-qualified engineers spent their time in research and development and not in the practical application

of their knowledge. Measures to improve the training and employ-

1963 the surplus of exports of manufactured goods over imports of manufactured goods over imports of manufactured goods was some 50 per cent. In 1979 the surplus was little more than 4 per cent. It was rapidly approaching zero.

One of the most important recommendations of the report was to set up a new statutory engineering authority to deal with the education, qualification, and registration of engineers and to influence prects to attract the most able

made a reality. The industry must establish the rewards and prospects to attract the most able young people.

They had within their shores some of the finest brains and skills, as well as immense natural resources. The Government should give general welcome to Finniston, but seek clarity on its operation. but seek clarity on its operation. They had a short five or 10 years in which to reestablish themselves as a leading industrial namon. Finiston was but a start to that process and the Government should give it the means of fulfilling recommendations. ing it (Cheers.)

The Earl of Bessborough (C) said the report seemed to some extent to distract attention from the real problems of industry which had so little to do with engineering and much more to do with economic and social problems. and social problems.

There was something to be said for alternative proposals which would be less costly than the engineering authority, quicker acting and avoid an extension of Government intervention. A council with a royal charter might be more appropriate than a statutory authority.

murder sentencing The Government was defeated.

The Government was defeated, during later proceedings on the report stage of the Criminal justice (Scotland) Bill on Thesday night, by 47 votes to 39, a majority scainst of eight votes on an amendment moved by Lord Keith of Kinkel, a Lord of Appeal, which was designed to leave the pronouncement of a minimum sentence in a murder trial to the discretion of the judge.

The Feel of Manefield Minister of

The Earl of Mansfield, Minister of State, Scottish Office, was repeatedly asked about the current autitude of Lord Emsile, the Lord Justice-General of Scotland, who chaired a committee which recommended autitudes of the state mended minimum sentences in 1972. He agreed that steps had been taken to find out officially the views of Lord Emslie but said he was not sufficiently informed to be able to make a credible and comprehensive reply on the part of the Covernment.

Government.

The Government (he said) takes the view that the pronouncement of these recommendations will serve to enhance the preventative and deterrent effects of the life sentence. There is widespread concern at the moment.

I do not think (he said later) that it is entirely profitable to consider the present view whatever they may be on an individual as opposed to the views of a committee which he chaired.

The view which the Government

The view which the Government wishes to see now be put into this

Lord Keith of Kinkel, in moving his amendment to Clause 42 (Punishment for Murder), said that the right course was that this power to make recommendations for minimum terms of imprisonment should be reserved for that class of particularly atrocious murder that had particularly jarred the public conscience.

The Parole Board had been set up to recommend whether a person serving a life sentence should be released. It should be trusted to get on with that job. Lord Mishcon, for the Opposition, said it was an impertinence to impose a mandatory duty of this kind instead of alloying it to be a marter for a independent discreption.

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matter for a judge's discretion in the proper place and circum-

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cial review ... (2) An application for a declaration ... may
be made by way of an application for judicial review, and
the court may grant the declaration ... claimed if it considers
that, having regard to—(a) the
nature of the matters in respect
of which relief may be granted
by way of mandamus ... (b) the
nature of the persons and bodies
against whom relief may be
granted by way of such an order,
and (c) all the circumstances of
the case, it would be just and
convenient for the declaration
to be granted on an application
for judicial review."

By rule 3 "(1) No application

Mr Farkinson—No, we believe a thorough investigation is the right way to proceed. Three different bodies may have to change their rules and procedures to deal with the problem.

Considered action on the basis of knowledge properly thought out and consulted about is the way or proceed, not rushing through half

There were substantial sanctions already and adding to the range of sanctions would not do much to deal with the problem. The Government did not believe that sanctions or the absence of sanctions were the problem.

He will (he added) deal with this problem in a satisfactory fashion. Mr Peter Archer an Opposition spokesman on legal matters (Warley, West, Lab) said that Consolidated Gold Fields was a major trauma in the City. Company law could never be the same again. If the Government was not impressed by the facts of Consolidated Gold Fields he did not know what would stir it into action, and what it would require to instil in the Government a sense of urgency.

Consolidated Gold Fields was a takeover by de Beers, by a company which dominated the world's markets in an important commod

were required to deal with these situations when they arose. The situations were less likely to arise if the controls existed. All sorts of people were at risk, shareholders and employees, and the reputation of the Stock Exchange and of the City of London was put in jeopardy, he new element of insidious infil-tration of foreign capital was not dealt with by existing controls and

the existing sunctions. The first new clause was with-drawn and another dealing with specific alterations to Section 27 of the Companies Act 1976 was rejected by 193 votes to 150—Gov-ernment majority, 43.

An Opposition new clause providing that any person who contravened the provisions of the Bill on insider dealing should be deemed to be a trustee of the company increspect of any profit which he might take as a result of such contravention, was rejected by 194 yours to 140—Government majority, 54. votes to majority, 54.

Land registers Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment (Hen-ley, C) said, during questions, that he hoped soon to indicate where land registers should be set up in the first instance.

publish the specific areas yet.

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, in a written reply, said he hoped to make a statement shortly on the Government's policy in relation to firearms.

Judicial discretion in

statute is not the view of an indi-vidual. It is the view of the com-mittee which sat and which reported in no uncertain terms as to what it would like to see put into the law of Scotland. Lord Keith of Kinkel, in moving

public conscience.

If the proposals in the Bill that a minimum sentence should be recommended unless the judge considered there were special circumstances making it imppropriate for him to do so, were accepted, public confidence in the judiciary could be undermined.

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New Books

Woman of the Revolution Our Man of the World

Alexandra Kollontai By Cathy Porter

(Virago, £12 hardback, £4.95 paperback) Warch out, you've never met woman like her before!" Zinovier's cry of admiration and alarm was echoed by others during Alexandra Kollomal's lifetime, 1872-1952. The story which begins with the story which begins with the aristocratic girl goes on to the revolutionary, the fighter for women's freedom, the Menshevik, Bolshevik, and oppositionist, and the social novelist; and ends with the highly respected and long serving Soviet ambassador in Stockholm. Cathy Porter tells it all methodically and very fully. dically and very fully.

The ironies are many. Hav-ing been behind Lenin in 1917 Kollontai soon came out Actional about came out against the too-great power of Lenin's government. A little later she watched with anguish while her husband Dybenko helped to put down the Kronstadt sailors' rising against that same dictatorial power. Later same dictatorial power. Later still, in 1937. Dybenko joined as a judge in sentencing Mar-shal Tukhachevsky to death and then was himself shot in the same Stahnist terror. Kol-lonial endured bunger, devasrating ifferesses, stormy love affairs, political derision, and the passion for work and con-

always renewed zeal for life. "Free love" is the phrase always associated with her. It provided the obvious title for the first English translation of the novel by her which Cathy Porter was later to translate under the title Love of Worker Bees. Her frequent writings on sexual freedom exasperated the ait-laced Lenin. Yer in point of fact what she advocated was something more complex and more pretentious than "free

It all arose out of her campaign for women's freedom. She looked far beyond votes for women. She wished to liberate women from the heavy work usual in Russia and the daily drudgery in the kitchen. Very well: first abolish capitalist exploitation, then mechanize much of the hand work, go on to set up communal laundries, canteens, and nurseries. At this point her imagination got the better of her. While all this would

women would still be provided in the brave, new would and should disappear.

Westerners at the time howled that she was proposing the nationalization of women. Her own view of the future was both fanciful and prim. Cathy Porter writes, One could only assess a person's conduct as correct if it was in harmony with the interests of the group . . That is why, Alexandra (Kollontai) wrote, powever great two people's love for each other might be, the ries binding them to the collective will always take precedence, will be firmer, more complex and more organized." It is hard to imagine anything more off-putting. but perhaps Kollontai is only seeing that any society needs some conventions if it is to hold together.

Another of Kollomai's big

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As lace as 1791, before his book

fights which keeps some reltied to the family. But if still evance for today was in her more communal services were splendid and forlors support of the Workers' Opposition world then the "nuclear fam- group in 1921. She and others, seeing Soviet dictatorship in the making, wanted the sham trade unions to be given real strength and a large share in industrial management.

In her biography Cathy Porter draws heavily on Russian sources and presents her evidence in due and proper form without over-emphasissometimes with under-emphasis. The book's chief value is that, written by a woman about a woman who was con-cerned with women, it brings out the women's part in the 1917 revolution and the sequel. At the end something is left elusive. That is the secret, the true personality, the appeal, of the headstrong woman so often scolded by Lanin and so lange scolded by Lenin and so long spared by Stalin.

Public and Private By Humphrey Trevelyan

(Hamish Hamilton, 58.95) Lard Trevelyan has bad a startingly diversified life. His public service was divided hetween administration and diplomacy, two disciplines which are in essence more different than the public transmission of the public transmission of the public transmission of the public transmission. generally supposes, encouraged by the traditional British belief that the perfect preparation for either is a classical education at one of the two older universi-ties. Perhaps there lingers also the memory of the days before competitive examinations when a nineteenth century commen-tator on public affairs could say that "an English gentleman is presumed to have the abilites to perform the duties of any post which he has the influence to obtain." These chapters of autiobiography demonstrate that it was greatly to the public benefit that after

entered the Indian Civil Service for self-sacrifice. Nasser emerin 1929 and was posted to the ges as an Austen Chamberlain Madras Presidency, Since then he has served in the most difficult diplomatic posts in Peking, Cairo at the rime of the Anglo-French intervention, and Moscow. He has done the State more service than Othello and describes it with a more en-

gaging modesty.

The first two chapters are devoted to India before Independence; his impressions of the transfer of power he has recorded in an earlier book. The other chapters mainly present a series of character sketches of the people with whom he had to deal in the course of his diplomatic service. He was, for instance, strongly drawn to Chou En-Lai who is gazing modesty. He was, for instance, strongly drawn to Chou En-Lai who is plainly going to be one of the heroic figures of Chinese history; his personality, skilfully elicited bere, already seems likely to cause him to nutrank Mao Tserung in the people's affection. Dag Hammarskiöld is the subject of ana first in Anciem History at Cambridge and after a formid-able written examination of marskjöld is the subject of another chapter inspired by memories of his complex, sometimes

corrured mind and his passion

ges as an Austen Chamberlain in reverse; always playing a crocked conspiratorial game and usually lusing.

He is at his most entertaining on Abdul Karim Qasim, the dictator of Iraq, and Nikita Khrushcher, one a blood-stained machan, the other a cunning peasant. His Ambassadorship in Banhad was liba his Convergor. peasant. His Ambassadorship in Brahdad was, like his Governorship of Aden, a mission to save what could be saved from the collapse of British policy. He ended by winning the openly expressed regard of the People's Saviour and, even more surprising, compensation for the destruction of our embassy. On Khrushchev he is at his driest khrushchev he is at his driest and most perceptive. He was there for his overthrow by a coup of his colleagues, "the there for his overthrow by a coup of his colleagues, "the method of firing the boss favoured by the Kremlin and Fleet Street". Already Khrushchev did not know what to do, especially in internal affairs. At least he abolished, for a time, the worst features of Stalin's government by terror. When he fell few heads rolled though many of his entourage had been

deeply unpopular, especially his son-in-law Adzhubei to whom he son-in-law Adzhubei to whom he had given special favours and privileges. Lord Trevelyan quotes the Moscow jnke about Adzhubei (among many other excellent ones; that he had woken up one morning and found that he had married for love. love.

A darker chapter is the one describing his Governorship of describing his Governorship of Aden, His task was to withdraw and his problem was that this seemed likely to leave behind nothing but anarchy. He describes his arrival by air and his undignified transfer by helicopter to Government House where he reviewed a Guard of Honour of Aden Armed Police whom I surmised were already. whom I surmised were already half on the other side." (The grammatical solecism rather blunts the point of the epigram but, apart from one more, and worse, example on the following page, Lord Trevelyan's style is both polished and vigorous.) He felt strongly the frustrations of six months of struggle to install a successor regime. Towards the end he wisely allowed the contending factions to fight among

feel that they have not grasped from these pages the precise points of difference between the cosily-named FLOSY, or Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen, and the National Liberation From; the South Arabian League is conveniently labelled as the Sauth Arabians' powerless proteins (Sauth Pagents) powerless proteges. (Saudi Arabia indeed emerges as the loser who could have gained what it wanted if it had taken its advantages.) Afterwards they will remember the fact that the final departure was dignified, with a ceremonial farewell from the South Arabian Army; and the generous ributes paid to colleagues and subordinates.

The second half of the book contains portraits of the Trevelyan family, among them the great Master of Trinity, George Macaulay, and that perfect Squirradical. Sir Charles, the third Baronet. They are all enchanting, and will do much more than meet the author's modest prescription in his intra-duction of whiling away an idle hour in the train or at an

David Hunt

A tiger in the gilded cage

On the Contrary My Mary McCarthy

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.50) The only time my wife was ever served in America by a New England maid bolding a silver platter, she asked what was on it. "Hash, Ma'am", was the answer. And Hash, Ma'am, are the two words which sum up for me the plain truth and gleaming phrases of Mary Mc-Carthy's collection of articles and novel. The contrast be-tween her trenchancy and her polish, the tension between her exact scruples and glittering style inform and delight. She ruthlessly points out that the Emperor has no clothes, then draws on seven silk veils to hide its nakedness. She is the tiger in the gilded cage, burn-ing bright within the bars of liberal symmetry.

d by Lenin and so long of her symmetry.

She explains something of her contrariness in her article on "The Vassar Girl". She came from Seattle, from where going

east to college was quite a step, in fact across a continent. She describes the mythic essence of her college as "a whiff of lux-ury and the ineffable; plain thinking and high living". She herself is the supreme practitioner of that style, the clear-minded liberal who is vigilant in the defeace of liberty, but believes that sympathy for strikers does not prevent the eating of a 200d French meal. Particularly revealing is her piece called "My Confession". Written during the worse excesses of the witch-hunt stimulated by her namesake in the Senate, Mary McCarthy wrote of why she did not become a Communist in the Thirties. In New York, she in the defence of liberty, but

Thirties. In New York, she moved in circles which showed off at May Day parades and got drunk to raise money for sharecroppers. The Party men seemed to her without scruple or compassion, made of a

marmoreal astuteness.

Leaving her first husband, she almost joined the Party, because its members impressed

her by their secret knowledge son, £5.50) shows that Mary that the future was theirs. But McCarthy's qualities as an then, tricked into signing a essayist can translate to the letter in support of Trotsky at novel. Her mordant story of his Moscow show trial, Party Henry Mulcahy's exploitation pressure on her to remove her of liberal principles to secure name provoked her contrariness. Sine would side with the weak. She would resist direc-

So she became officially an anti-Communist, because she would not toe the line. This did not stop her from defending the rights of Communists during the witch-hunts. In fact, during the witch-hunts. In tact, her articles of belief on "The Contagion of Ideas" and "Naming Names: The Arthur Miller Case" are two of the more valuable defences of American liberal thought in print. And her opening piece on "America the Beautiful" expresses exactly the paradoxes expresses exactly the paradoxes of that generous, decent, polite and anti-materialistic society,

which projects its reverse images abroad.

The reissue of The Groves of Academe (Weidenfeld & Nicol-

settles the hash of university undated and everywhere.

Finally, Mary McCarthy is a moralist who seeks to understand and blame. Her few faults lie in her justification of herself and her courses who

tenure at a Pennsylvania col-lege by claiming falsely that he is being sacked for having heen a Communist is hilarious, herself and her country, when she tries to make out her journalism and America's corabsorbing and curiously timeruption to be better than they less for a novel 30 years old. are. Her many virtues are in the tradition of truth and con-Unlike Malcolm Bradbury in his brilliant, but too contem-porary The History Man, Mary McCarthy manages to make the science and prose that has run strong since the days of Emer-son and Thoreau. But at the least, she is always witty and struggle between the scheming and frightful Mulcaby and the decent and shining College president into a fable of evil against good. A Paranoiac's Progress which remains out of time and in mind. She disproves the state of the s direct-one of the very few qui s'excuse, m'amuse. triumphantly the one flawed essay in her collection, "The Fact in Fiction", in which she

overpraises the common sense and details of novels like

Babbitt at the expense of the writers of parable and fantasy. Her own book is a work of

Andrew Sinclair

Paperbacks in The Times on Saturday include reviews of early Waugh, Willi Cather, and Kingsley Amis. Next Wednes-day: Spring children's books, and the announcement o fa pic-

A fair city

Dublin By Peter Somerville-

(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95) Mr Somerville-Large's book on Dublin is a comprehensive and well-researched account of the history of the city from the time of the Viking invasions up to the 20th cantury. The reader may be forgiven for getting bogged down in the Slablands surrounding the early city, because the book, whose bibliography lists nearly 200 sources, is so full of fact that it is sometimes damned confusing. As the lrish themselves might say, "Don't read it if you have drink

The Vikings and the Irish cartainly seem to have traded, copulated and killed each other all on the same day, and it is surprising revelation to anyone brought up to believe that Brian Boru was the first king of all Ireland, to discover that he was killed by the fleeing Broder within a day of assuming kingship. A short-lived reign,

The invasion of the Normans, led by Strongbow, established Dublin as the axis of the Pale, which virtually excluded the native Irish, and with the advent of Henry VIII, Dubliners generally celebrated the coming of Protestantism, Bishop Curwen switching from one religion to another, and back again, with emazing alacrity.

It is the description of the shacks to lath and plaster buildsmacks to lath and plaster buildings, and construction in brick, that is so fascinating. The mixture of the primitive and the sophisticated in Dublin, which had a paved street in 1329—well over 100 years before Bristol Child boars are something to could boast one—somehow re-mains in the Dublin of today, and English was established as the official Janguage by the Normans in 1495, though they them-selves spoke Gaelic, more than Prench.

Fiction

Old Soldiers

(Cape, £4.95)

District

(Cape, £4.95)

By Paul Bailey

From the Fifteenth

By Mavis Gallant

Madonna of the Island

By Miranda Seymour (Michael Joseph, £5.95)

All aspects of the city's life are given in great detail, Mr Somerville-Large assuming his reader to have a knowledge of Irish history, generally.

Horror Edited by Peter Haining and indeed, the majority of the (Sidgwick & Jackson, £5.95)

people were not Catholic, until the early 19th Century, and by 1829, 70 per cent of the people The After Midnight Ghost Book Edited by James Hale

on "Carbolic Rights" appeared, Wolfe Tone had to declare that (Hutchinson, £5.95) he did not even know one. It is between 1600 and 1800 that the history gets into its stride and finds its greatest strength, and especially the period of Swift's Dublin, when the social life of the City took shape for the middle classes. Middle class ladies held charity balls in aid of the poor, and skated on the Liffey, in 1738, while thousands were dying of malnutrition and hardship in the

From 1800 to the 20th Century, the Union with Great Britain and the Famine are Britain and the Famine are faithfully chronicied. The book is called Dublin, and as a history of it up to the 20th century, it is very fine indeed. From modern times, however, when Dublin really became Irish, the content is rather weak and circumpers, marricularly as recontent is rather weak and circumspect, particularly as regards the cultural development of the Irish and the spirit of the place as it is now. It is true that the City Centre dies at night and the suburbs are extending, but when it comes to the 20th century, Mr Somerville-Large stabs at it, and does not stroke the soft, round belly of stroke the soft, round belly of the girl. After all, the Bullock Headland of Viking times is still there, and you can still buy a fresh mackerel at the Harbour on your way home from work.

Nevertheless, the work does join Maurice Craig's Dublin, 1700-1900 as standard reading for those with any interest in this subject.

Horror merchants

The Third Book of Unknown Tales of

These two books gain in interest when they are read in conjunc-tion. Mr Haining's horror collec-tion ranges over 150 years, from Poe and lesser-known post-Frankenstein people to Denis Noble's admirable "Rosemary for Remembrance" published in 1976; Mr Hale sucks to the present, and only some three or four of his contributors are older than fifty. It's possible, therefore, after reading the two to assess how far writers have changed their tactics when addressing themselves to the business of making people's hair to stand on end like quils upon the fretful porpentine.

Jane Austen blew her trum-pets before the walls of North-anger Abbey, and behold they fell flat because they were made of painted cardboard. The horror-merchants were on the whole merchants were on the whole slow to accept her mockery as justified, but by now the lesson has pretty well sunk in. Some moderns still however.—Stephen King in "The Night of the Tiger" (Haining) for example—are too determinedly horrific to arouse in the reader any willing suspension of disbelief. Poe on the other hand, in the little known "Morning on the little known "Morning on the Wissahiccon" (Haining), 136 years old and a mere thousand words long, creates his authentic atmosphere of eeriness and dread without ever being

tempted into overstatement No one should underestimate the difficulties confronting writers who deal professionally

Peter Langan in the frisson. It is easy, as well as dangerous, to rely too much

on the well-tried recipe. The theme of possession for example of an animal by a buman or the other way round—can be made to work effectively. Here Peter Dickinson's "Mink" (Hale) brings off the old trick with admirable aplomb and even more admirable brevity: Steve Wilson's "O Keep the Cat from Home" (Hale) on the other hand gave me no creeps— perhaps because the story was over-elaborate. A casual, improvisatory ease of manner some-bow heightens uncanniness. One thinks of A. J. Alan's broadcast stories long ago—so airy, and yet so chill.

Both these books very effec-tively put on show the very numerous variations of method which can be used, and they which can be used, and they also demonstrate that, provided the timing is right and the mood kept steady, the innovator can home his story on to its target. Steve Stern's "Rudolph Finkl's Apprenticeship" (Hale) is surrealist, thrive; on supranormal brackshout and succeeds. knocksbout-and succeeds.

The best, if you leave Poe's Wissahiccon River to wind on its memorable way, are Michael Levey's "Unsettled, with Outbreaks of Rain" (Hale) which makes brilliant capital out of something as ordinarily unpredictable as the English weather, and M. P. Shiel's "A Shot in the Sun" (Haining) which is about witch-doctoring in the about witch-doctoring in the American South before Emanci-pation, and forces you along with its irresistible vigour. Shiel, who was of H. G. Wells's someration, is a strangely gifted writer who has been resurrected before; he deserves to be rescued, this time on a sottled basis, from his limbo.

Neither book makes room for he work of E. F. Benson, and this is a pity because he could produce stuff as fiercely spooky as anything since—well, Poe again, of course, who; with Villiers de Pisle Adam, holds prime mastery in the genre.

David Williams

dreams of his dead father's whining and weakness and "Longing to cease being Billy Harker" and, more persistently, visions of friends blown to pieces in the First World War. Worst of all, because he is lonely, and Captain Hal Standish can claim to be an old soldier of the same generation, Victor finds himself entangled with a man he knows is a

Intimations of mortality are among the most sobering of human reflections; and to bring us into the presence of the dead and dying and then, without the slightest precautionary numbing of ordinary emotions, bewilder us into laughter is a remarkably difficult manoeuver. Paul Bailey's new novel, however, does just new novel, however, does just this, and gently, without a taint of black farce. Victor Harker, retired and recently widowed, is on a visit to London (which he hates) in flight from memories of domestic

with a man he knows is a sham. And Standish takes his sham. And Standard takes have place at the surreal periphery of Victor's London experience; in so far, that is, as Hal Standish himself can be said to have an existence at all. For he is only one of three interlocking impostures linked by the Euston Left Luggage Lockers where the appurtenances of each role are stashed in turn. Among the belongings which go to make up Standish himself are an immaculate set of false teeth; for scruffy old Tommy, dossing at the Mission, these are scrapped altogether; for Julian, failed poet and open-air performer, another, knobbly set are in use. Each part brings its own perks, but who precisely sits concealed place at the surreal periphery intimations of mortality are precisely sits concealed behind these three bizarre

Victor Harker, conned into Standish incarnation for an expensive meal, grows more is using up his sister's capital taking whoever it may be in his happiness in Newcastle. London is no solace to him. On

the contrary, it wakes all the and more irritated at the crubitrerness of years long past: dity of the disguise, and althoreams of his dead father's ough he remains icily polite whining and weakness and through grotesque behaviour, "Longing to cease being Billy can hardly wait to be rid of him. And yet as the book moves to its close, it turns out tently, visions of friends blown moves to its close, it turns out the state of the st that the two men have un-expected ghosts in common.

Mavis Gullant is by no means as stylish a writer as Bailey, but she writes with assurance, and her stories have a refreshing range of place and period. The focal point is often a central figure in exile—there is an acidly witty tale about a Polish poet on a series of abort-stay visas in Paris—but she is perhaps at her best when dealing with the English abroad. The first story, set in Italy under Mussolini is particularly good. Mrs Unwia, with ber hay-fever and her avarice which extends to locking the food cupboard, and starving her own children as well as the village girl who looks after them. is particular refreshing range of place well as the village girl who looks after them. is particularly convincing. Offstage, foreigners may be rounded up and deported, but Mrs Unwin has all her attention fixed on the pollen from her neighbour's tree. Not all the English are shown as quite so villainous as shown as quite so villainous as Mrs Unwio; there is a good deal of pathos in the story of the man who chooses to

while he is doing it. Most of the stories bave touches of ironic observation. The one Baum to survive Hitler is engaged in making television films about the Occupation until one day he is told: "The fact is—forgive me for saying so—but you are the wrong age to play a Jew. Who cares what happens to a man of forty three? "Miss Gallant has a wicked eye for the limits of human compassion.

human compassion. Miranda Seymour's novel is an honest, unpretentious book which touches on many of the themes of the other two: love, dying, and being an English foreigner abroad, this time on a Greek island. Miss Seymou. is unquestionably more adroit in dealing with the villagers than with either the rich in their rillas, or the much-loved and awaited lover too proud to admit his illness is recognal. Her heroine does not fence the villagers out and so they pour in; to gull her, and beg from her, and use her garden as an extension of their own. The book flags a little in the centre, and the symbolism of the wood-eating creatures in the Romanesque Goddess being destroyed by gas escaped me. But I believed in the life of the village, and that gave life to the novel.

Elaine Feinstein

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Learning a lesson from the Macmillan era

When Harold Macmillan succeeded Eden as Prime Minister after Suez, almost all political journalists, who had expected Lord Butler to be chosen, were taken by surprise. We were also, I think, mildly affronted that the Conservative Party, making its unpredicted choice by secret processes of consultation, had passed over the apparently natural successor, who had long enchanted us with his mischievous verbal ambiguities. his mischievous verbal ambiguities, his political clear-sightedenss and his uninhibited urge to communicate.

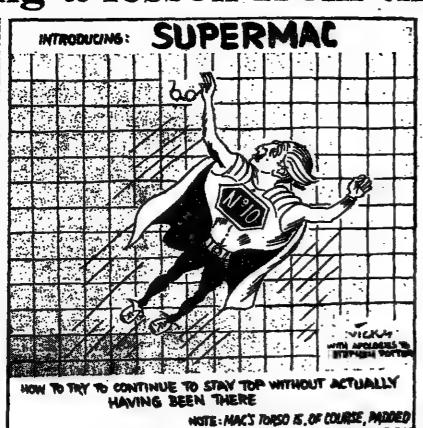
What is more, Mr Macmillan was not only chosen by methods of consultation that seemed to give undue weight to the party's aristocratic connexion; he was also, in his own person, hardly a politician who appeared well equipped to lead the Tories into an increasingly democratic are.

With his contrived and histrionic speaking style in the House of Com-mons, Mr Macmillan looked like a mons, Mr Macmillan looked like a political anachronism. Even then, the epithet Edwardian was attached to him, and he seemed like an actor determined to play his part in an outmoded clubland style. Was thus really how the Tory Party, after its fearful battering over Suez, proposed to recommend itself to the

Such misgivings could bardly have been wider of the mark. Mr Macmillan's cultivated and world-weary manner housed one of the shrewdest politically operational prints of our time, and he made it his first priority to get on and stay on terms with democracy by giving it what it wanted (or what it thought it wanted) and above all what was necessary for election-winning.

In doing so, he came near to makin the Tory Party the natural party of government and almost forced Labour to become something very different from what it is today. He presented a statesmanlike demeanour which attracted the confidence of the nation, and he was the first prime minister to learn how to speak to the people on television. But he also laid the foundations of the grave economic and social threat to democratic stability with which Mrs Thatcher's Government is wrestling

These thoughts have been evoked by George Hutchinson's short and legant impression of Harold clegant impression of Harold Macmillan, which is one of the most satisfactory accounts of a contemporary public figure that I can recall, I am not ordinarily much drawn towards biographies of living politicians by their contemporaries. They



Mr Macmillan as seen by Vicky in 1958

critical that their principal purpose by diminishing the statute of his subject, or they are blatantly

Mr Hutchinson's short book is neither. It is an affectionate, graceful and entrancing account of one of the most fascinating politicians of our time by one who, as both a journalist and a party official, has known him well. It contains, some fascinating anecdotal material that gives insight into Macmillan's character.

Yet Mr Hutchinson's uncompromis ing diagnosis of the politics of the Macmillan period amounts to some-thing very like an indictment, for it raises again the question of how far our present discontents have to be laid at the door of Mr Macmillan's success in winning political popularity by the provision of an unearned prosperity for which the unpaid

with a crippling accumulation of interest.

There is no certain answer. Do There is no certain answer. Do nations get the politicians they deserve, and can democracy only be managed by a Harold Macmillan or. a Harold Wilson? (It used to be one of Harold Wilson's private fantasies to imagine a politically invincible government run by the two of them in tandem.) Or can a democracy be led, even in peacetime, to subject its immediate satisfaction to its long-term

Again, can we in fairness ignore Macmillan's harred of depression and unemployment learned in the interwar years ; can we in fairness dismiss this as a motive for his dangerous expansionism; can we really say that everything was electioneering and nothing due to an idealistic concern to improve the conditions of

the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, when he artempted in reduce public spending, and the emire Treasury team, Thorneycroft, Powell and Birch resigned. Macmillan dismissed it contemptuously as a little local difficulty; at the time, one of his officials brushed it aside in speaking to me as being all over no more than a half of one per cant.

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The simple fact was, however that Macrollan would her accept the cuts in the social services that would be involved, and because Macrollan would not accept Thorneycroft's modest restraint then, the government and the people face a far harsher retrenchment now. Although Macrollan was pulled two ways between his Keynesian expansionism and the need for financial rectitude, politics prevailed. In the words of and the need for financial rectifude, politics prevailed. In the words of Mr Hutchisson, "given the unrural aspirations of a democratic electorate, aspirations to which he was so keenly attuned, he could hardly have been expected to act differently..."

I was a watershed. "He could have accepted the Thorneycroft pre-scription, he could have changed course placing a check on public expenditure to immediate and continuing advantage. . . The moment

History will give its verdict on Mr Macmillan's social and economic policy, as it will on his commitment policy, as it will on his communent of Britain to Europe (for it was he who laid the foundations on which Mr Heath buik) and on the extraordinary steps he took to deny the leadership again to Lord Butler when he himself resigned—as a result of which, arguably, the Conservatives lost the 1964 election under Lard Home.

that matters most now. A year or so ago, I learned recently. Mr Mac-millan gave his view of inflation to a member of the present governent it was not, he thought, some thing to worry no much about. The rich liked it because they got richer with it. The poor liked it because they became better off.

The only people who didn't like it, Mr Macmilian suggested, were the retired colonels. It is a remark that not only suggests a vein of cynicism and frivolity below the gravitas; it is also plainly wrong. For where is the origin of devil-take-the-hindmost the origin of devil-take-the-hindmost the interest of consended of consende social attitudes, of overwhelming union power, of lost confidence and of instability if it is not in the impact of the lost value of money on millions of people of all classes? A media-Yet the fact remains, Macmillan i tion on the Mecmillan approach to refused to support his Chancelior of a government is anything but a waste

The Family Planning Association is always skilled at countering criticism of the type of sex education is promotes with the suggestion that its cripes are advocates of ignorance. The article by the FPA's chairman, Mrs Barbara Davis (February 22), purporting to reply to my recent column (February 14), might well misled readers into thinking that I am opposed to sex education of any sort in schools. The objections I advanced, of course, were only to the FPA's approach to it.

reprinted to disarm criticism, Mrs. Davis stated that nothing could be "further from the truth" than the feat that the FPA wishes "to remove parental rights over what their children are taught". Will the FPA therefore state whether they will support Mr George Gardiner's amendment to the Education Bill which would give parents the right to know how their children are taught this subject, and if they then object to the way is which the subject is handled, the right also to withdraw them? Or does she think with Mrs Caroline Woodroffe of the Brook Advisory Clinic and the Campaign for Homosexual Equality that such a parental, right would be misguided and dangerous? and dangerous?

will the FPA say also why it promotes, a squalid book like Make it Happy by prominent bookshop display and also favourable nonice in the government-funded Fernily Planning Information Service? Mrs Davis accuses the FPA's criticis of wishing to withhold information from young people, but in what way does she think it helpful to teenagers to promote a book instructing them. for instance, in the types of bestiality instance, in the types of bestiality that are and are not legal, and writing without any sort of moral disapproval about incest?

Mrs Davis states that it is not FPA policy to send sex educators into schools direct, but only occasionally if requested. Why then does a circular to head teachers specifically offer them the service of sex educators stating: "It is more usual that size FPA visit (or visits) is the only formal sex education on the school programme." She gives us, fatalistically, the statistic that one girl in eight is now likely to have sexual intercourse before the age of consent. Where is there any firm and unambiguous advice from the FPA that that girl, in her hown interests, should not do so?

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give me the necessary permit to travel. And in suy case I

unless my family was allowed to gravel with me. . . I wish

columns in which I have given

a necessarily limited account of the extent and virulence of

Soviet enti-semitism. Or rather: I had invended to do so until,

of this paragraph, my eye fell upon a note in one of the docu-ments I have been making use of in my survey. There was a name I had come across before:

Colonel Lev Ovaishcher, of Minck, and I must have first written about him nearly ren years ago. I had assumed that he had long since been granted his with to leave the Soviet

linion, and am appulled to learn

that he is still trapped there. Colonel Ovsishcher's case is one of the most disgraceful of all examples of Soviet anti-semi-

tism, for he is a real hero, re-peatedly decorated for bravery during the Second World War against the Nazis whom his per-

secutors increasingly resemble, but now stripped of his honours,

country, and relentiessly perse-cuted ever since he applied for

meetings and colloquiums

If you want to know who's who in Europe...

the News Editor of the day took me on a tous of the delightfully rembling corridors and spacious Victorian rooms of old Printing House Square. Outside one room, a broom cupboard stacked with bound files of the paper, he stopped and said "Look!". A very slight, white-haired old man sat there, a scholar engaged in a labour of love if ever I saw

in a labour of love it ever I saw one. "He does '100 years ago'.—mostly from memory", my guide whispered.

Well, it is 100 years ago since The Times published its first Guide to the Hause of Commons, the beginning of a series that has continued unbroken ever since and I had better say ever since; and I had better say that I am not speaking from memory. It is also the year in which The Times published its first Guide to the European Parliament, a companion volume to serve as a work of reference providing the chapter and verse of the multinational election in June, 1979, to mangurate the directly elected European Par-

directly elected European rar-liament.
There is an old, old rule on the editorial staff of this paper that reporters should avoid mak-ing claims of firstness for any-thing or anybody, if only be-cause there will always be (Hallelujah 1) an inconvenient reader who remembers the pro-totype. But for once there are no risks in claiming uniqueness for The Times Guide to the European Parliament. There-had never been an elected multigational Parliament until the direct elections in the nine member countries of the European Community last June, and therefore it is safe to say that here is the first reference book dealing with a democratic multi-national election.

national election.

The office memoranda proposing and discussing a Ruropean companion for the indispensable Westminster Guide began to circulate soon after the United Kingdom referendum on Community membership in 1975.

One decision of principle was easy to reach: the two Guides must have a family likeness. must have a family likeness. must be pess from the same pod For example, the European Guida, like its long-established model, would have such familiar features as biographies of MEPs, with photographs, texts of the party or group manifestos, all the sessonial statistics, and an account of the election results throughout the Nine.

But it was foreseen from the beginning that the editors of the European Guide would have to do some pathfinding and ploneering. For the inaugural direct election of MEPs, after 20 years of nomination of Memeach of the Nine countries was allowed to follow its narional electoral practice. In Britain that meant the first-past-the-post system; in the six counties of Northern Ireland it meant Proconclude this series of three portional Representation; on the mainland continent it meant the party list system, complicated in Relgium by the political division between French and

Durch speakers. We have tried, I trust suc-We have tried, I trust suc-cessfully, to introduce British-users of the European Guide to continental systems of election that are very different from our own; and I particularly hope that politicians and polemicists Kingdom controversy about PR will study all the detail we give about the practical working of PR in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, where there were some unexpected resuits. (See particularly the full figures for the 10 PR counts to settle who should sit in the European Parliament for Dub-

Most of the problems connected with producing a refer-ance book on a multi-national election of considerable complexity were anticipated and guarded against. Yet not all. Nobody could have predicted, for instance, that half the MEPs elected on the party list system in the Grand Duchy would resign before or soon after the first parliamentary sitting to take posts in a new Luxembourg Government. Wherever the system operates there are no byelections: the party holding the tenancy of a seat simply nomi-nates the next name, rather like the Lubour Party's practice of



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Mme Simone Weil, the European Parliament President—why she and bet colleagues posed for pictures.

filling vacancies on the National Executive Committee or the Shadow Cabinet while in Opposition.

On the other hand, in Britain we immediately ran into a by-election when Shelagh Roberts had to resign her seat because she held a rechnical office of profit under the Crown.

Then we had always regarded photographs, of the elected MEPs as quintessential Behold for the first time the European Parliament decided for its insugural meeting that no mangural meeting that no photographers should be allowed on to the floor of the Streethers. Strasbourg hemicycle. In all, four photographers of The Times (if I may propose a vote of thanks) became involved in multinational and multilingual portraiture in the corridors and committee rooms of the Palais de l'Europa. They even managed to capture for poshas perversely spent his public life refusing to be photographed —quite a handsome fellow, tee. It takes all serts

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Parliament formed in July some of the political groups tectically changed their labels. The the European Democratic Group; the Christian Demo-crats became the European People's Party Group; and the Liberals became the Liberal and Democratic Group, and thereby attracted unto it some Giscar-dian French MEPs. Then, after a parliamentary fuss, even some of the Independents formed a Group for Technical Cooperation. All these shifts are explained, though not necessarily instiffed.

The President of the Parlisment, Mme Simone Weil, was elected by ballot, and so wore the 12 Vice-presidents. So, for that matter, were members of a new breed of backbench politician; the Quaestors, five good men and true who will have a non-voting advisory role in the Parliament's managerial bureau. It is all recorded, and placed ready to a reader's hand. That said, I so back to my broom cupboard to begin writ-ing memoranda about the next European Guide for the direct elections of 1984. It is one deadline after another.

pean Parliament is published today at £12.50 and is available through hookshops. In case of difficulty, please write to Times Books. 18 Ogle Street, London, W1, enclosing £13.50 per copy.

Bernard Levin concludes his series on the plight of Russian Jews

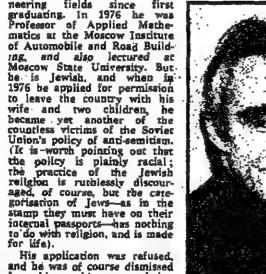
Why one into freedom can't go

Though my brother in-law is a neering fields Professor of Mathematics, I must confess that I do not know what "convex analysis and optimisation" is (unless, to of Automobile and Road Build-be sure, it is the study of ing, and also lectured at obesity and how best to reduce it), so the news that this afternoon and tomorrow morning there is to be, at Imperial College, London, a Colloquium on the subject, at which the speakers will include Professors r Doctors J.P. Aubin, L. C. oung, I. Ekeland, J.P. Young, I. Ekeland, J-P. Crouzeix, J-B. Hiriart-Urruty, J. Toland and R. B. Vinter (none of whom is my brother-J-P. in-law) is not normally some-thing that would have me hammering on the Editor's door with a cry of "Hold the front But this gathering, though it

is a serious meeting at which serious mathematical papers will be read, is of much general interest, too, in that it is being held in honour of one of the world's leading authorities in this field, who has been invited to attend it but has with very genuine regret been obliged to refuse. He is Dr Alexander loffe (the name is also trans-literated as Yoffe and Jaffee), and the reason he cannot attend is that he is at present hellind the bars of that vast prison-house ("in which there re many Confines, Wards and Dungeons 1), the Soviet Union.

And, with a symmetry that should (but in his case probably does not) appeal to a mathematician. Dr loffe is not allowed out of the Soviet Union because, and only because, he has asked to leave it. Alexander Joffe was born in 38, and has worked in

various mathematical and mathematically-related engi-



from his teaching posts, being transferred to a lowly job car-rying balf his former salary (he

has since been under constant pressure in this position also). At an earlier stage of his nik", unable to publish anything in his own country to teach or take part in official seminars or professional conferences, or to attend official gatherings of scientists and mathematicians in his field (in these crippling restrictions he is in the same position as the "barmed" victims of South African oppression, and the similarities do not stop there). Like many Soviet teachers, he his knowledge and research alive and to belp students, to holding informal seminars in his own home; he has been repeatedly warned to stop access to secrets"



Dr Alexander Ioffe-regrets for non-attendance.

career. Dr loffe had worked in an institution which also did work with some bearing on "classified" matters; he himself, however, had never worked on any such project, and had left the place a decade ago; later, be worked in radio engineering, which could be held to have some connexing with military work, but he coused to have anything to do with it as long ago as 1972. In any case, the Soviet authorities have so frequently used the argument to refuse exit-visus to people who have never had the slightest connexion with any-

thing in any way related to to suppose that the empty excuse is believed by those giving it in Dr Ioffe's case. He is being punished because he is a Jew, because his wish to leave the Soviet. Union in a demonstration that life there is not what its leaders wish the world to believe, and because, as I said yesterday, he had once signed an appeal addressed. "To the world scientific com-munity" on behalf of Yosif Begun, a particularly notable victim of Soviet anti-semitism; the appeal included words which might well soon be applicable, with a grim exactitude, to Dr Ioffe's own case:

One cannot avoid the conclusion that Dr Begun's persecution is a deliberate. well prepared plan which could be applied to any refusenik scientist. First, refusal; then a charge of parasitism; then exile or The international merhemati-

cal community has responded well to the news of Dr loffe's plight. The Colloquium at Imperial College is being coordinated with a Reperal meeting there, open to all, at 6 pm today, at which specialists in Dr loffe's fields will gother to present "An Appreciation of an Absent Colleague", and to isunch a public campaign on his behalf. All over the western world. University mathematics departments are being asked to in the hope (a faint but real one, based on similar campaigns in the past) that this demonstration of international solidarity may persuade the Soviet authorities, who fear any rupture of scientife contacts

I offe to leave.

I hope the Imperial College Colloquium on convex analysis and other such secare matters goes well: perhaps the partici-pans, might like to bear in mind, as they discuss Dr loffe's mathematical work, some words

he has recently written which have nothing to do with mathe-Life has been very difficult for my family and myself for many years now. It all began when we decided we would like to leave the Soviet Union

and go to Israel. This we thought was a natural and legitimate human desire. We soon learnt otherwise. Although I had been for many years carrying out what I believed to be important and worthwhile scientific research for the benefit of many people everywhere almost overnight I was made to feel like an inferior human being. Nor was this all. Social indignities were inflicted on. my wife, son and daughter. All of us were made to feel like pariahs within the Soviet society. . . A few friends showed the strength of their friendship by refusing to be brow-beaten by the rhream that were sometimes made arrives than and absence than and absence than that were sometimes made against them, and always we were as the possibility of a knock at the door from the KGB... I am aware of and grateful for all the concern which has been expressed around the world by colleagues in Britain, Europe and the United States in particular... I am partiin particular . . . I am parti-cularly grateful . . for . . .

an exit-visa years ago. The item concerning him said only that he had been denounced on television as a traitor to the Soviet motherismd. Lev Ovsishcher's story could serve as an epizaph for Soviet Communism: a way of life in which a man who sheds his blood for his morber-land is traduced as a trainor invitations to come and speak at meetings and collequiums. Regretfully 1 doubt

ARTS DIARY

Still scope for the private patron

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As arts organizations worry over declining public subsidies and seek increased business sponsorship instead, it is possible to forget a third source of aid to the arts: the private The very word patron evokes a hy-gone age, yet those with private fortunes remain import-

ant contributors to the arts; despite the cries of pain over nenal taxation, private wealth has not suddenly disappeared. Rich individuals are not forentten by the fund-raisers; their names adorn the subscription lists of appeals. But perhurs there are sources of funds till to be tapped by inventive or canizations—the reasonably well-off people who would sup-`reasonab/v nort the art, but do not want their small contributions their small contributions dwarfed in some million pound

Such people, with perhaps 11,000 to spare, might he willing to help individual artists or small groups because their money would produce a tangible result.

How about offering a person the chance to commission a

They might not be immortalized like Count Waldstein or creating a work of art.

Equally, an individual could sponsor a new production by a small theatre group or publication of a literary work.

Indicate a more remains and oy GEO Frims, who nope if will be released in the cinematic this summer.

Mr Forsyth said it had also been sold in several European countries, and was to be con-

I am sure such spousorship happens in an ad hoc way, but perhaps there is scope for arts associations, or bodies repre-

associations, or bodies representing composers or writers, to establish match-making systems, to link needy artists with would-be donors. It might not prove feasible; there may not be enough willing donors; but I hope someone tries it, sometime.

When crime pays

Finding the money to make a film is hard enough for Britain's independent film-makers, but it is even more difficult to ensure the finished product is seen by the public.

However Mr Bill Forsyth, the Scottish director, looks like finally surmounting that hurdle with his first feature film, That Sinking Feeling, which he made in Glasgow on the tiny budget

new work from a composer? about unemployed tecnagers who turn to crime, won presse at last year's Edinburgh and London Film Festivals, and has talized like Count Waldstein of the Duke of Brandenburg, but there could be a great reward in so direct an involvement in will be released in the cinema.

> countries, and was to be con-sidered for inclusion in the Cannes Film Festival. He is planning a new film. Gregory's Girl, and needs \$100,000 to make it. "When I tell people the amount, they say: 'Is that all you want?'
> But it is still very hard to find

Next month John Fortune, Graeme Garden, Ian Lavender and Royce Ryton all turn up in Darlington, to stert a tour of a new camedy by J. V. Stevenson, Schooldays. Then in April Ryton himself has a new play opening, at Exeter: Woe to the Sparrows, about the Mayerling affair.

Argo upset.

Argo record company. which has played an important part in British recording hisof £80,000.

tory, could become a casualty music staff, although the Decca
The film, a comedy-thriller of the takeover of Decca's classical people would stay on.



music business by PolyGram. Under the takeover plans, most of the Argo staff will go, as will many of the popular music staff, akbough the Decca

it is understood that emong those not being kept on is the managing director of Argo Records, Mr Harley Unil, who founded the label in 1950. Re said he could not comment on

Polygram would apparently take the Argo catalogue, consisting of 600 records of music (notably British music) and 400 spoken word tocords, including the works of Shakespeare. But much unhappiness is already being expressed in the British music world at the prospect of Argo becoming the apparent of the prospect of the being expressed in the British music world at the prospect of Argo becoming just another label in the PolyGram empire, which already includes Philips and Deutsche Grammophon. So efforts are now under way to maintain Argo's independence.

Irish rock on

One regret of the organizers of A Sense of Ireland was that they had been unable to bring together a rock music programme for the London festival gramme for the London festival. Rock music may not sound an integral part of an arts festival, but the organizers wanted to show London the tremendous growth of such music in Ireland, both north and south.
However, they have now
managed to organize the groups
and are extending the festival,

from six weeks to seven, to encompass a series of rock concerts.

Halfway through the festival, the organizers are delighted by the response from Londoners. Attendances have been par-Attendances have been par-ticularly good for exhibitions, seminars and literary events; disappointingly but audiences are picking up; and the tradi-tional music events have had everything from poor audiences to packed houses.

to packed houses.

The most popular events have been the plays, which might be considered surprising, given the received wisdom that Irish drama is bad box-office in Loudon. The full houses at the Old Vic and the ICA bode well for the British productions to celebrate this year's conrecary of the birth of Soan O'Casey.

Chapting started in New York Shooting started in New York

last week on the film of Frederick Forsyth's thriller Dogs of Wor, with Americans Christopher Walken and Tom Berenger leading the cast.

BBC worry

The BBC Symphony Orchestra has a world premiere at the Festival Hall on April 23 which is more than usually fraught with the possibility of matters going there.

The work is the second symphony by the Russian Alfred Schnittke, which was commis-

sioned by the BBC for performance under the baton of Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Schnittke to come to Britain for the rehearsals, but the Soviet Governrestrictions on artists visiting the west, due to the trouble over Afghanistan, means his trip could be in doubt. Moreover there are fears that Rozhdestvensky might

also be prevented from travel-ling to Britain. However the orchestra's main difficulty at present is laying its hands on the score it is a complicated piece, demanding such matruments as electric and bass guitars as well as a choir; but so far the mutic has not reached Britain.

Schnittke's publishers, Universal Edition, said they had

versal Edition, said they had been receiving the score in Vienna "in dribs and drabs". They had now received six movements, but were unsure if that was all, Srill, the BBCSO believes it is believes it is a six mosymphony, so, with luck, they will sone have enough music to satisfy them.

On the road

Despite its financial difficulties, the National Theatre has greatly expanded its touring, with 19 weeks of theatre in 13 different places over the past

year. In April alone, it will be doing short tours of four productions, ranging from The Iceman Cometh in Bath to a Rattigan double-bilt in Sunder-

Sir Peter Hall, the National's director, said they were now strong enough to send our productions "without losing our shirts here" — they did not shirts here" — they did not have to denude the South Bank when they took a play to the He hoped that in future they

could maintain about 20 weeks of touring a year as a permanent commitment, although it would continue in depend on Aris Council touring subsidies. One prospect for next year is that productions from the big Olivier auditorium could also start going on the big Children auditorium could also start going on the council also start going on the co start going on tour. Sir Peter thought they might visit such large theatres as the Palace in Manchester and the Rippodrome in Bristol.

Two of the Royal Shakespearc's recent stalwarts, Alan Howard and Michael Pennington, may not be in the current Greeks season at the Aldwych, but there is no escaping the sub-ject: both can be heard next Thursday on Radio Three in Shakespeare's Greck opus. Troilus and Cressida.

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David Wood

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A private view of

Sir, Your over-hasty correspondent R. Berthoud (February 20) has distorted the sense and purport of any writings about the painting of the late Graham Sutherland.

the late Graham Sutherland.

I can see nothing in the work of any British artist of the twentieth century which obliges me—judging, of course, by international and eternal standards of achievement—to recognize a major creative talem.

To my eyes, the work of all of them seems medicare, uninspired and not particularly, comparing them then

particularly commetent. How then can Berthoud accuse me of "knock-ing down" people who have never

seemed to me to be standing up?

For a short period before 1970, I thought I saw in Graham Suther, land a gifted painter and a creative artist, who was inadequately appreciated and misunderstood. I

attempted, therefore, through a few exhibitions and essays to describe.

explain and justify to the public what my eyes and mind understood as constituting the escance of Superland's special value as an

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solf-evident, Subsequently, Graham Sutherland's work seemed to me to become progressively weaker and more repetitive and I lost interest

I still think, bowever, that Suther-

land achieved more as a naintur-with more originality, than the immumerable nonentities of the

British School in his day, though I never for a mamont believed or claimed that Greham Sutherland was, in the historical nerspective.

en artist of major stature. Sincerely yours,

DOUGLAS COOPER.

15 Boulevard Louis II, Monte-Carlo.

Sprucing up hillsides

Sir, May I support Lord Hylton

(February 22)? Since cutting of bracken for bedding become un-economic (no North Yorkshire hill farm was without its bracken stack

the 1930s) bracken has en-

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to beast. Provided adequate access

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generally be much better afterested.

encroachment of forestry on to heather moor or open hilltons, the true domain of walkers, grouse and

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use of national safety in future if meanwhile the quality of life is damaged or destroyed? In the words

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The big surprise of the New Hampshire primary has been the poor showing of Mr George Bush. Before this it had seemed that he was well placed to become the Republican candidate and that he stood a reasonable chance of being the next President of the United States. This judgment was based partly on his success in the lowa caucuses and partly on the growing support for him in the opinion polls. If he were the candidate, then the widespread impression of him as a sound man of pleasant persona-hiry and considerable experience. with views that were neither too liberal for conservatives nor too conservative for liberals, might make him a formidable chal-

But now he has failed to achieve either of his objectives in the first of the key primaries. defeat Mr Reagan, but his inability to do that would have mattered less if he had fulfilled his second purpose. This was to be at least a sufficiently strong runner-up to convince everyone that it had become essentially a two-man race for the nomination. This, he hoped, would discourage_other candidates like Senator Baker and Congressman Anderson, and would deter their backers from pouring more money into their campaigns. The longer and the stronger they keep going the more difficult it will be for Mr Bush to gather all the anti-Reagan forces in the

Mr Baker and Mr Anderson came a poor third and fourth. with 13 and 10 per cent of the votes respectively. But as Mr Bush won only 23 per cent, that nent. It is right to put it in these terms because Mr Reagan still does not look to be the strongest candidate that the Republicans could field. His reputation as an extreme right-winger may appeal to his own party, but not to so many of the independents and Democrats whom a Republican must win over in order to be President. It is also a handicap that henow looks his age of 69. So, despite the evidence of New Hampshire, if the Republicans are intent on nominating a winner they are likely to look

That person could still be Mr Bush. It is not yet clear why the actual results in New Hampshire were so much worse for him than the polis suggested they would be. Was it because the voters in this predominantly conservative state were so shocked by the news that consumer prices are now rising in the United States at an annual rate of 16 per cent that they suddenly flocked to the most conservative candidate in the field? If so, that cannot be a sure guide as to how voters in other states will respond. Inflation is clearly the issue on which Mr Carter is most vulnerable, but it does not follow that the most conservative opponent would be the one most likely to bring him down in the national

Alternatively, did Mr Bush do badly because he played his hand so clumsily in the fracas over the public debate when he appeared to be the one candidate not prepared to debate against all his opponents? In that case, it is not likely that a little local

other states-though the ease with which Mr Bush fell into an obvious trap prepared for him by the Reagan forces does suggest that he is a less astute politician than had been suspected. Whatever the explanation is, a long hard battle now lies ahead. New Hampshire has not closed the contest but made it more open.

That applies on the Democratic side as well. Mr Carter's margin of victory over Senator Kennedy is less than had been predicted. It is certainly not enough to knock the Senator out. the race, as had seemed possible in the immediate aftermath of Iowa. The old rule whereby the winner in a primary secured all the state's delegates to the party convention no longer applies in most states. The new system of proportional allocation delegates according to the number of votes cast means that it is possible for the nominal loser in the early primaries to keep in touch with the frontrunner in terms of delegates. Thus Mr Carter has won only one more delegate than Mr Kennedy from New Hampshire. It follows that there is more point than there used to be in maintaining an apparently unsuccessful challenge. The question is whether a candidate's funds dry up after early defeats. That may well remain a problem for Mr Kennedy, but he is still sufficiently in contention for it not to present a greater difficulty in the weeks ahead than it is already. With all the advantages of the incumbent, Mr Carter stands decidedly the better chance. But for both parties New Flampshire has increased the prospect of a gruelling contest

revealed as a man who, although elected by a handsome margin and recently made commanderin-chief of the armed forces, stands helpless in the face of a gross breach of international law and Islamic custom by some very junior citizens of his own country. It is very difficult to see how the kidnappers can argue to themselves that this will do any-

Now that the commission has started its work it should continue for the time being in order to give the Iranians time to think. It should then wind up its bearings and return home. If the hostages are not then released it must suspend its work until they are. To issue findings which will anyway be invalid by the very nature of the commission's origins without achieving the only aim for which the commission was set up would be to turn

for the nomination, make any further bargains by this government suspect. The President of Iran will stand

consistency and its impact on expec-tations in the public sector, but it

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differences about Britain's road to hyper-inflation

From Mr Robin Wilson From Mr Kobin wilson

Sir, There is, I feel, one significant
omission in your leader referring to
the desires of the "apposition"
within the Conservative ranks.

Surely many Tory MPs secretly believe that the painless way out of
the current economic impasse the current economic impasse would be the imposition of import

Indeed, one could say that a modest start has already been made in the textile sector and the shoe manufacturing industry is now lobbying with great determination,

lobbying with great determination, I personally believe that the number of MPs of both major parties supporting "temporary" import controls will grow to alarming proportions during the course of 1980. As you pointed out, there are already a large number of Conservative MPs who are trying to convince themselves that there is a soft ownion.

is a soft option.

To these people import controls will represent the soft option par excellence in the coming months.

Such policies would, of course, only speed up the decline of British industry and would possibly be even more catastrophic than easy

money.
Yours sincerely. ROBIN WILSON, 12 Inglis Road, Wi. February 26.

From the Chairman of the Tory Rejorm Group Sir, Perhaps The Times has suf-fered a head gransplant. Your leader attacking the "good guys" in the Cabinet (Pehruary 26) was sufficiently one-sided and mischierous to qualify it for inclusion in one of the less thoughtful newspapers. However, as an exercise in showing that that group are in error it was a remarkable failure.

First, having given them the benefit of the doubt on motive and character, you charge that they are ignorant: the non-economists versus the economists. Even if it were true, this completely misses the point that there is a good deal of common ground regarding the basic economic analysis (eg. the need to reduce the claim on natural resources made by the public sector). The dif-ferences arise over the implementa-

zion of the strategy. Secondly, you ask rhetorical questions such as where else they would cut public expenditure. You know that as members of a Cabinet they are not free to neply. Furthermore, if your leader writers read the sest of the paper they would find

For example, you report on the same day the economic nonsense that may be forced on the Greater London Council of cutting back its capital spending on automatic ticket machines, thereby prolonging its continuing financing on current account of large numbers of unpaid

Not content with unanswerable questions you proceed to non-questions about whether they favour an incomes policy. I imagine that all members of the Cabinet, whatever their differences, have noticed that we already have an concerned than others about its in-

is hardly relevant to ask whether a policy is thought desirable.

Finally, you totally ignore the most immedate cause of Conservative doubts both within and without the Cabinet. That is political. Can the real reduction in living standards implied by Conservative conomic policy be introduced without such a political upheaval that the Government fails?

Nobody knows the answer but the given 25 years. Nobody knows the answer, but the good guys" are sensible enough

good guys are sensing enough to want to avoid making a difficult task even more so. If that is non-economic, good luck to them. Yours faithfully, CLIVE LANDA.
9 Poland Street, W1. February 36.

From Dr Patrick Kemp Sir, I was greatly entertained by your leading article. For the first

paragraph or two l mistakenly thought that it was intended to be serious, but even the most self-opmionated beadmaster temporarily From Mr Jeremy Mayhew evercome by his own saracity would hardly have written: "They do not understand economics. They are historically out of phase and intel-lectually out of their depth ". After all, show me the man who understands economics. Yours faithfully,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, P. H. KEMP. Round Hill Lodge, Hockering Road, Voking. Oxford.

From Mr Mark Terment Sir. You have devoted much of your column space today (February 25) to articles warning Mrs Thatcher of the evils of monetarism.

On the one hand Eric Heffer (page 14) accuses Professor Fried-man of not reaching "A" level economics, an accusation which I would have thought smacked of arrogance when applied to someone who won a Nobel Prize for his work

Mr Heffer's problem is that his principles have been brought into such fundamental question by the concept of monetarism and it " goes so much against his grain "that he has failed to understand what Friedman is trying to say.

Monetarists do not say that government has no role to play. They

do not say that governments should not pass legislation imposing such things as minimum standards in public health or education as they did in the nineteenth century.

What they do say is that govern-ment should cease to intervene in what would otherwise be free mar-kets. Mr Heffer is determined that there must be some central planning of the economy.

This runs contrary to common sense; the complexities of modern economies are far too great for a bureaucracy to appreciate and, if that bureaucracy attempts to plan. it will almost certainly get it wrong. The point surely is that Eric Heffer's way has best in operation in the UK since the war and it has been utterly disastrous.
We now know that the alternative

to monetarism does not work. What we do not know is whether the Friedman way is right, but we can-not possibly judge its success, as Mr Heffer has tried to, after only Noo-Keynsianism was, after all,

On the other hand, the second article (page 19) was unintelligible to any but the post-graduate economist. The writers even succeeded in complicating a statement of the monetarist's central position. For those who did not understand their version it is that "if the supply of money is increased out of line with

demand its value will decrease ". I would find it difficult if I was an economist to argue with this.
Perhaps if Professors Hahn and
Nield wish to argue their stance in
public they could do it in a less
theoretical and more intelligible

Yours faithfully. MARK TENNANT. Inchbroom House,

Sir, In response to today's editorial, it not possible that at least some of the Cabinet ministers who you depreciatingly describe as "non-economists" believe that our country's problems are primarily political and social and that such problems cannot be solved by JEREMY MAYHEW. Falliol College,

From Mr R. S. Dale Sir. Your editorial in suggesting that the present Cabinet split is between economists and non-economists, implies as a corollary that a Cabinet steeped in modern economic theory would necessarily be united on the major economic policy issues of the day. But surely nothing could be further from the

truth. One look at the National Economic Development Council's latest survey of United Kingdom economic forecasts, Prospects for the UK Economy: the Range of Views, December, 1979, will show you that there is fundamental disagreement between reputable economists as

Whether the chain of causation is from the money supply to money wage increases or the other way 2. Whether public expenditure cuts

scimulate or depress economic activity in the private sector : 3. Whether a high/rising exchange rate has a significant effect on inflation and/or export volume and the balance of payments.

It is ironic that, at a time when economists are placing increasing emphasis on sophisticated quantita-tive analysis, basic questions involving elementary casual relationships and likely directions of change are clouded in academic controversy. The conclusion to be drawn is

that, contrary to your own editorial assertions, macro-economists have as yet very little to teach us about the rest world.
Yours faithfully,

which Justice has successfully spon-sored, often against the advice of a

trial counsel or after rejection by the Single Judge. The Registrar and

me single judge. The Registrar and his staff do all they can to assist meritorious cases by special legal aid orders, but it is very difficult both for them and the Single Judge to sort out the wheat from the chaff, particularly when so many appellents are illiterate or educationally submarial.

subnormal. Because the new direc-

likely to increase the number of

For all the above reasons 1 believe that the fairest and most

effective approach to the problem is not to suppress or seek to deter complaints of injustice, but to seek

to eliminate the causes of complaint.

(1) the legal profession should

pay more attention than it frequently does to the preparations of defen-

ces, including pre-trial consultations and advice on evidence:

establish the truth of the matter rather than to win its case;

lously avoid giving the impression that they are on the side of the

be readier than it normally is to

TOM SARGANT, Secretary, Justice, British Section of the International Commission of Jurists,

criticize violations of

(2) the prosecution should seek to

(3) trial judges should scrupu-

(4) the Court of Appeal should

tive will also deter counsel,

such cases.

To this end:

principles.

Yours faithfully.

Priston Place, Priston,

Potto Hill, Northallerron North Yorkshire. These are the types of appeals February 25.

From Mr Duncan Fairn Sir, After the many disquicting letters about the ending of the Home Secretary's Advisory Council on Penal Affairs—a quango casualty in the slaughter of the innocents—I have been waiting for some reassurance from the Government, but in vain.

One assumes the Secretary of State will appoint ad hoc committees on specific subjects as required. This surely is going to involve the loss of a powerful source of advice. The advantage of the ACPA lay not only in its ability to deal with subjects referred to it by the minister; there was the further advantage that its range of experience and knowledge enabled it to initiate research and make proposals on sub-jects of its own choosing as, for examples, does the Law Commission. I hope very much the Government Yours faithfully.

DUNCAN FAIRN. Lavender Cottage, 82 Paines Lane, Pioner, Middlesex.

Without a word From Miss B. Mathias

Sir, Mr Walters (February 23) casts some doubt over the criteria appear in the National Book League children's bestseller list for February 16. Besides being unable to read the text which appears in all four of the top ten titles, he does not regard a picture book as a legitimate piece of writing. I am sure that our picture book writers and illustra-tors, including the one whose book is number 3 on that list, would not

agree with him. I would hasten to draw to hix attention the fact that it is a best-seller list aimed at the trade and based solely on sales figures. There will still be books in 1984 Mr Walters, for those who believe in them, and that would appear to

be a fair proportion of the general public Yours faithfully, BEVERLEY MATHIAS,

Children's Books Officer The National Book League,

Albemarle Street, W1. February 25.

Counter point From Mr J. R. Tyric

Sir. I believe it was Sir Thomas Beecham who defined a musicologist as someone who can read music but cannot hear it. Perhaps one should now add someone who can read a programme note and understand it, Yours daithfully,

J. R. TYRIE, John Tyrie & Co, Ltd., Boundary House, 7.17 Jewry Street, EC3. February 25.

GRUELLING CONTEST AHEAD

be Mr Reagan's principal oppoclsewhere.

lenger to Mr Carter. election.

incident of this sort will still leaves open the struggle to influence opinion for long in

> genuine grievances against his regime. Much of this sympathy was squandered when lawless

would still have been ready to listen to genuine evidence of suffering, injustice and corruprion. Sadly even this readiness is being steadily reduced by the callous and illegal behaviour of the "students". Far from drawing attention to their allegations against the Shah they are diverting attention from them by putting the hostages on the centre of the stage. And far from winning sympathy they are squander-

Shah. Worse still, they are in danger of making their own government look weak and foolish. The United Nations C sion was intended as a means of helping Iran to release the hostages without losing face. It was supposed to give them a token they could claim as victory. If this help is now spurned the loss of face will be far greater. A clearly understood bargain will have been broken, which will

to a moral right to judge the

thing but damage the interests of their country.

a charade into an extremely humiliating and damaging defeat for all concerned.

Pots or kettles? From Mr Martin Lewes

Sir, When union leaders succe order a strike ugainst the will of the membership, your correspondents and columnists how! about a lack of

When the leaders order a return work but amofficial strikes contimue, the cry for more control goes You will therefore forgive me if

I feel a little confused. But when I see the number of brand new cars, costing several times a steelworker's annual income, which some people can afford to drive; when I see from your property features that some classes property features that some classes have little difficulty in finding sums well in excess of £100,000 for a house; when I notice in many parts of the country a display of wealth smil high facome for beyond most workers' dreams of avarice; I find it difficult to believe it is trade union members who have, to quote Sir Robert Urquhart (February 23) been exploiting the nation for the been exploiting the nation for the

If this is what trade unions have been doing, their lack of success indicates they have less power than your correspondent or the present Government believe. Yours failtfully, MARTIN LEWES, 5 Mendow Ell Crescent, Redditch,

Vorcestershire.

Rhodesian masterworks From Mr P. A. Pennant-Rea

Sir, UDI seems to be a key date in Geraldine Norman's article on Rhodesian art on February 9. and it is similarly quoted in Sir Roland Penrose's letter of February 15. However, Mrs Norman rwice refers

UDI occurring in 1970 but Sir Roland does not correct her. Since UDI was in 1965 and Mrs. Norman's article was partly concerned with the relatively brief directorate of Benefit McCorrect and Development of the Photograph Frank McEwen at the Rhode Art Gallery, the article is of doubt-ful value as a piece of art history. Yours muly P. A. PENNANT-REA.

Laurel Tree Cottage, Guiting Power, Nr Cheltenham, desergină îre.

Cross picket lines From Mrs Clare Fordham

Sir, The nickers do themselves and their cause a disservice when they call women "scabs, bastards and whomes" (The Times, February 20) Although a lifelong societist, I must protest against the use of violence, physical and verbal, to compel solidarity.

Yours faithfully, CLARE FORDHAM, Massium Road, Astrby de la Zauch,

Appeal and the delays and denials of justice which it is causing. It is however open to question whether his new directive, which is designed to penalize or deter appellants. whose grounds of appeal are not signed by counsel or who, even when supported by counsel, do not accept refusal of leave by the Single

prisoners with their appeals over a period of 20 years leaves me in no doubt that it could well lead to even greater denials of justice. Counsel differ widely in competence, cour-age and concern, in their judgment of the prospects of a successful appeal and in technical expertise. They may have been inadequately briefed or have been given the papers only the night before the

not endorse an application and it is not easy for him to find another one who will. At the other end of the spectrum there are the cases where counsel has done his best to secure the acquirtal of a man he believes to be innocent but tells him that, although the judge was very biased he has no grounds of appeal in law that are likely to

Price of social services

Sir, After Anthony Steen's offensive attack (February 13) on chief officers in the public sector and his naive ideas for transferring the responsibilities for community social services into private enterprise, anything I say is likely to be regarded by him as based on inscrutable self-interest, suitable to a modern mandarin.

Pur if I can reward to Steen's

But if I can respond to Steen's But if I can respond to Sceen's argument that we have got it all wrong and that social services would be better provided by good neighbours and housewives, I trank he totally misunderstands the complexity and scale of the problem. Social services for elderly and handicapped people and children, whether in Council accommodation or to individuals and families in

or to individuals and families in their own homes, are provided for the most severely frail, vulnerable. and those at the greatest risk of danger or harm to themselves. Although statistically insignificant in the population as a whole, large numbers of people are involved (e.g. 880 in Lambeth's Old People's in the care of the Council, 1,700 mests on wheels delivered weekdays. 2,000 means on wheels delivered

ment and organization, including staffing, catering, cleaning and transport, require rather more than the enthusiastic efforts of local

95a Chancery Lane, WC2.

propriate alternatives even if it is currently fashionable to discredit the value of the public services.

It is difficult enough to work out how each of us individually with middle aged or elderly parents can organize our own resources to ensure a contented and comfortable old age for them. We are all familiar with difficulties of finance, accommodation and distance or proximity with all the inter-related issues of independence, and yet the

meed for support and assistance.

Much better to work out ways of solving some of tiese problems to all our advantages, yet recognising that some people, particularly those

party around his standard.

A BARGAIN THAT HAS TO BE KEPT It was never a good idea to validate the kidnapping of the American hostages in Iran by sending a United Nations Comand bloody revenge was taken on his supporters but the world mission to "investigate" the

regime of the Shah. There was, however, at least the argument that shabby means might achieve desirable ends. Now it seems that even this argument may be falling away, for Avatollah Khomeini is quoted as saying that a decislop on the hostages will have to wait for the new legislature, which is not expected to be formed until April. If this turns out to be the case, the United Nations will have dragged its name and President Carter's in ing it by discrediting their claim the dust to no avail. They will

will suffer. President Carter will suffer. Above all Iran itself will

have paid a high price for noth-

ing. Appropriate though this may

be as retribution for compromis-

ing with illegality it will do no

good to anybody. The hostages

will suffer. The United Nations

There was considerable foreign

sympathy for the people of Iran when they overthrew the Shah. It was recognized that there were

The private prosecution for leave by a court to bring procriminal libel brought by Mr Roger Gleaves against two journalists and their publishers should not have been admitted. The law of criminal libel is supposed to be brought into play only in cases where the alleged libel is so damaging to reputation that the award of damages in a civil libel suit is not adequate compensation. There is also a considerable weight of legal opinion—though it is not

unanimous—that criminal libel

proceedings ought only to be

allowed where the grossness of

the defamation raises the threat

of a breach of the peace, and

where there is an element of

public interest justifying the

intervention of the criminal law to deal with what would normally be a civil matter. Under none of these criteria should Mr Gleaves, a man convicted of extremely unpleasant

and serious offences, some in-

volving children, have been given

Sir, Since the foundation of the

Cantiere Internazionale d'Arte in

Montepulciano (1976) we have enjoyed continuous support in swength from the greatest young musical talents of Britain. This year the

number of British artists partici-

pating is expected to be 140 out of a total of 210. During these for-

mative years of the Cantiere, the British Counci) in Italy has given us practical support and encourage

I expect many of your readers will have enjoyed both the BBC television documentary (1976) and the recent "Arrivederci Grimethurpe" (ITV) which give some indication of the artistry which the

British Council's contribution has made possible. Montepulciano was

founded in a spirit of communica-

tion between artists and community.

Of all nations participating, Britain

has done more than any to promote

The informed British public will,

hope that the flow of young

he doubt, share my dismay that this contribution is threatened by cuts

British musical genius to this annual

international gathering will not be

placed in jeopardy by short-term

or the British Council's funds.

economic considerations.

HANS WERNER HENZE,

Yours sincerely.

Via del Fontanile.

La Leprare,

Marino,

Rome. February 16.

British Council cuts

From Mr Hans Werner Henze

damages. The last individual to bring private criminal proceedings for libel was Sir James Goldsmith, against Private Eye. That prosecution was inappropriate and should not have been allowed to reach the Old Bailey (where, by agreement, it was withdrawn). The Gleaves prosecution provides

A LEGAL PROCESS OPEN TO ABUSE ceedings for criminal libel. There was nothing in "Johnny Go Home", the book alleged by Mr Gleaves to have contained the libels complained of, to justify departing from the normal remedy available, a civil suit for

an even stronger case against allowing private prosecutions for that offence. There are some cases for example, a malicious campaign of poison pen letters publicly libelling an individual, where the sender has no money with which to pay libel damages where the remedy of criminal

individual to bring the prosecution. If criminal libel is to continue to exist as part of the law, it should be left to the police to take action. In general, however, the criminal law should not meddle in what is primarily quarrel between private interests. Unfortunately, Mr Gleaves has

other prosecutions for criminal libel in the pipeline, for which he has not needed leave because they are not against newspapers or publishers. The fact that after vesterday's verdict he is unlikely to succeed in any of them is scant consolation for defendants who will find themselves out of pocket (Mr Gleaves has no money, and awards out of public funds will meet only part of the defence costs), and who will have to bear the expectation of a court hearing over many months. It is now clearer even than it was before that the law should be: changed to stop future abuses of the legal process by private prosecutions for criminal libel.

libel may be appropriate. But it should not be left to the

A foreign field From Professor Thurstan Shaw Sir, in your today's issue (February 221 the obituary notice for Mrs.
Sylvia Leith-Ross refers to her husband's grave at Zungeru in Nigeria.
Three years ago I visited this
grave and found it, like most of its

companions, in a neglected state: it is situated in a cemetery which was is situated in a cemetery which was in use during the first two decades of the present century and contains something like 80 graves. About half of these are marked by memorials on which a date can be read. The cemetery is now quite bard to find in the bush, any path to it being quite overgrown; it is surrounded by a rusty iron fence, with a gate swinging open; it is overgrown by bush, with some quite large trees, and the annual bush-fires sweep right through it and over the graves, right through it and over the graves, damaging the monuments.

As the result of inquiries to the British High Commission in Kaduna, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Ministry of Defence, I have ascertained that no one accepts responsi-bility for the Zungeru cemetery as a whole. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission accepts responsibility for six graves only, those of military personnel who died during the 1914-18 war; they do not accept responsibility for civilian personnel nor for military personnel who wave unwise enough to sonnel who were unwise enough to die before or after the First World

Inquiries locally elicited the information that the Nigerian Govern-

ment paid for the care and upkeep of the cemetery until about 1965; my guess is that after Nigerian independence in 1960, this was a practice which was continued simply by the momentum from the previous dministration, but that after 1965 t was considered inappropriate for Migerian taxpayers' money to be devoted to the upkeep of the graves of her foreign invaders—a view with which one can easily concur, unless of Nigeria's history, in the way that Ghana regards the trading caseles built along her coast by foreign exploiters as part of her history. I corresponded with Mrs Leithe.
Ross concerning her husband's
grave, and will let ber speak on the

I am glad to think Leith's has been tended once again by friendly

Looking around the huge faceless area of Kensal Green cemetery, it seemed almost better to let the bush quietly take over our Nigerian graves. On the other hand, Africans feel so strongly about the graves of their ancestors that such dis-regard by Europeans of their own dead must shock them."

There are many small cemeteries

and isolated graves of British personnel scattered around the world as a result of the history of Britain's imperialist years: is it best to let the bush take over, or should something else be done? Yours faithfully, THURSTAN SHAW, 37 Hawthorne Road Suppleford, Cambridge.

Complaints of injustice

From the Secretary of Justice
Sir, The Lord Chief Justice is
rightly concerned about the overloading of the resources of the
Criminal Division of the Court of

Judge, is the right approach to the problem.

If a would-be appellant's main ground of complaint is that he has been let down by his lawyers, then what is he to do? His counsel will

From the Director of Social Services, Lambeth Sir, After Authory Steen's offensive

es, approximately 1,550 children weekends and particularly with regard to the dependent elderly people; the number over 80 years

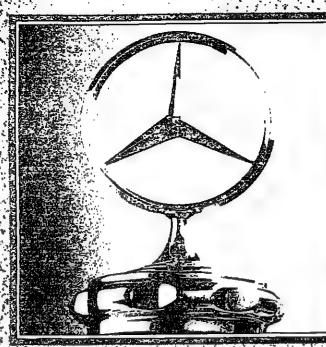
February 20. of age will be substantially more in the future.
The tasks in the form of manage-

people and community groups.

It seems to me quite pointless to disparage what is generally being well done by the public authorities and suggest inadequate and inap-

who have literally no friends or families to take any interest in them, will require the support and eventually care of the services provided through a .compassionate society. Yours faithfully, ROBIN OSMOND.

London Borough of Lambeth, 234-244 Stockwell Road, SW9.





distances/





1926

Car design may have undergone some changes over the years, but the star on a Mercedes-Benz has never followed short-lived fashions.

star has represented the ambitions of the two men who invented the car.

Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz who forty years before had, unknown to each other, both proved that high-speed petrol engines were capable of powering road vehicles.

The name Mercedes belonged to the daughter of the then Austro-Hungarian consul-general who entered his 23 h.p. Daimler in a race which he easily won.

Many more racing successes followed and the name Mercedes very soon became established as the event of an accident. name for all Daimler cars.

Scarcely a decade had passed since the invention of the motorised vehicle before Daimler and Benz wished to regularly test and compare their new vehicles in racing competitions and rallies.

Racing competitions tested the vehicles' speed

1968 1951 and overall performance, rallies tested construction and endurance over long

Their aim was to test the basic features of design Ever since 1926, the in order to build a car that was suitable for every road condition and every traffic situation.

> To design a car that would be equally at home in the northern hemisphere or at the equator, on madeup or unmade roads.

Since 1926, when the firms of Daimler and Benz ioined together, their aims have gradually been fulfilled.

Over the last fifty-four vears Mercedes-Benz have been developing increased engine performance, easier handling, practical comfort and greater safety for the driver and passengers in the

In 1951, for example, Mercedes-Benz were the first to design the safety cell, a rigid compartment with collapsible crumple zones at the front and rear of the car.

The combination of passive safety with active safety is, in itself, a symbol of Mercedes-Benz.

1980

Passivé saféty telps to avoid muries in the event of an accident, and active safety gives the driver all possible help to aveid just that soft of situation in the first place.

In 1968, for example, we saw the development by Mercedes-Benz of the semitrailing swing rear axle.

It was a simple system to ensure maximum roadholding, especially when you are braking and cornering, while maintaining all the benefits of independent suspension.

It was yet another example of Mercedes-Benz continuing to research and develop, and to refine the concept of the motorised vehicle.

Yet another attempt to reach technical perfection, as is every improvement made by Mercedes-Benz.

And that's exactly what the star represents on every Mercedes-Benz you see on the roads in the 1980's.



Mercedes-Benz



COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 27:—His Excellency Mr
Hassan Aly Abou-Seeds had an
sudience of The Queen and pregented the Letters of Recall of his
predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty; Mr Abmed Ibrahim Adel (Min-Mr Abmed Ibrain Adel (Minister Plenipotentiary), Colonel Samir Ismail Barakat (Assistant Military Attaché), Mr Mobamed Hafez El-Kambashawy (Counsellor), Dr Mohamed Mahmoud soliman (Counsellor), Mrs Maha Fahmy (Second Secretary), Mr Mouray Abbas El-Halawany (Minister Counsellor), Dr Ahmed El Badawi Abada Sarhan (Counsel-lor) and Mr Mohamed Wahby unsellor).

Mrs Abou-Seeda had the honour Mrs Abou-Seéda had the honour of being received by The Queen. Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of heing received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentleman of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr E. Bolland was received in audience by The Queen and tissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Fritaordinary and Plenipotentiary

at Belgrade.
Mrs Bolland had the honour of being received by The Queen.

heing received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Muhammad Hadi Awad and Madame Hadi Awad were received in farewell sudience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Henipotentiary from the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the Court of St James's.

The Hon Anthony Berry. MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was proclously pleased to make reply. The Queen this afternoon opened the restored Great Hall at University College School, Hampstead (Headmaster, Mr W. A. Barker) on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

arrival by the Mayor of Camden (Councillor Sally Peltier) and the Chairman of the Governors (Mr Enc Beverley), Her Majesry unvailed a commemorative plaque and toured the School,

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr William Heselune and Lieutenant-Commander Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.

Cummander Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon of the Recreation Managers' Association of Great Britain (President, the Lord Luke) at the Lensbury Club, Teddington, Middlesex.

His Royal Highness, a Member of the Court of Assistants, was present this evening at a Court Dinner of the Fishmongers' Company (Prime Warden, Mr B. M. Till) at Fishmongers' Hall, EC4. Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was never

The Prince of Wales was present at a Service of Thanksgrying for the life of Sir Barnes Wallis which was held in St Paul's Cathedral this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE RENSIAGION PALACE
February 27: Princess Alice
Duchess of Gloucester attended
the Election Court Service of The
Worshipful Company of Fan
Makers at St Botolph Without
Bishopsgate Church this evening
and was later present at a Reception given by the Company.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance. The Duke of Gloucester, President, received Mr R. A. Garrett on assuming the appointment of Chairman of The National Association of Boys' Clubs, this moraine.

The Queen has become pairon of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

A memorial service for Sir Cecil Beaton will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, March 6 at neon

A memorial service for Mr Patrick Huther will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday, March 13, at 12.30 pm.

Royal Warrant Holders Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year:
President, Mr J. A. Riddell-Websier, vice-president. Mr D. Part. and hon treasurer, Mr Edward Rayne.

Birthdays today

Field Marshal Sir James Cassels, 73; Sir William Coldstream, 72; Dame Frances Gardner, 67; Sir Roland Jacobs, 89; Sir John Whitworth Jones, 84; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Medawar, 65; Sir Ronald Radford, 64; Professor Stephen Spender, 71; General Sir Noel Thomas, 65; Sir Michael Young-Herries, 57.

Mr C. N. A. Castleman and Miss C. C. Westcott The engagement is announced be-tween Christophor, son of Mrs Joan Pyper, of Johannesburg, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr Norman Westcott and Mrs Nan Trollip, of Johannesburg.

Mr P. J. M. Crockett and Miss A. D. Gray The engagement is announced be-tween Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Crockett, of Bradford,

Yorkshire, and Adrienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Gray, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr J. A. Taylor and Miss A. M. Haigh The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Taylor, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Haigh, both of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

The marriage between Mr Richard Ford and Miss Anna Macdonald will not take place.

Prince Frederick Nicholas von Preussen

man. A guard of honour was found from trumpeters and pipers of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

A reception was held at Inner Temple Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in Jamaica.

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The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr
and Mrs John Banting, of Button
Oak, Bewelley, Workestershire,
and Catherine, only daughter of
the Rev Philip and Mrs Hacking,
of Fullwood, Sheffield.

Mr P. W. Bajes and Miss E. S. P. Rudin The engagement is announced between Peter William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Bates, of Barbary, and Elizabeth Spencer Perrott, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs T. R. P. Rudin, of Wavendon, Bucklognammire.

Mr P. Dawnay
and Miss C. Tiodal
The angagement is announced
between Peter, twin son of the
late Major-General Sir David
Dawnay, KCVO, CB, DSO, and the
lady Katharine Dawnay, of Whitfield Court, Waterford, Republic
of Ireland, and Caroline, second
dughter of Group Captain and
Mrs Nicolas Tindal, of Terrybaun,
Boleenaun, Ballina, Mayo, Republic of Ireland.

Mr J. L. Graham and Miss C. M. Churchill and Miss C. M. Churchill
The engagement is announced between John Lochiel, son of the late Mr and Mrs K. M. Graham, of Rua do Golgota 63, Oporto, Poringal, and Caroline Mary, sughter of the late Mr W. B. Churchill and of Mrs Churchill, of Sownon, Buckland Monachorum, Yelvarton, Devon.

Mr T, C, C, Hart and Miss J. C. Elgood

and Miss J. C. Elgood
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of for and Mrs R. J. C. Hart, of Howevern, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Judy, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs B. C. Elgood, of Paundey Place, Redmarley, Suntestershive.

and Mrs J. Rawlins

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Dr. G. M. Lees and of Mrs Lees, of Matching Green, Essex, and phisnna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eugene Simor, of Wimbledon, London, SW19.

Tr D. M. Thompson Mrs. M. R. Jennings The engagement is amounced between David Marcus, younger son of the late Mr Louis Thompson and of Mrs Cyuthia Thompson, of London, NW3, and Mary Rose, elder daughter of Mr John Jennings and the late Mrs Rosalind Jennings, of London, SW10.

Memorial services

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Ser Barnes Wallis
The Prince of Wales was present
at a memorial service for Sir
Barnes Wallis held in St Paul's
Cathedral yesterday. Canon D.
Webster officiated. Mr A. A. Ross.
Ireasurer of Christ's Hospital and
Chalman of the Council of
Almoners. read the first lesson
and Professor J. E. Morpurgo
Pave an address. The Bishop of
London, the Rev J. E. R. Williams
and the Bishop of Bradford also
tuck part in the service. The Archdeacon of London was robed in
the Sanctuary. The Lord Mayor.
Accompanied by the Alderman and
Sheriff Christopher Leaver, attended, Music was provided by
Pupils of Christ's Hospital and
the Central Band of the RAF. The
Handard of 617 Squadron RAF was
Paraded and laid on the high
hiar Others present included:

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Dr S. Gauvain (Mrs R. Minray)
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Dr Catherine Joan Suzette
Gauvain (Mrs Ronald Murray),
formerly deputy director of the
Employment Medical Advisory
Service, Health and Safety Executive, was held vesterday at

Service, Health and Safety Executive, was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. The vicar, the Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson, officiated. The lesson was read by Mr Nigel Gauvain Murray (son), and an address was given by Professor Richard Schilling. Among those present were:

Dr Ropald Murray idaughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Angus Scrimgeour and Mrs and Mrs Robin Landon (sons-in-law and Mrs Robin Landon (sons-in-law and daughter-in, summi Scrimgeour, lora Murray and Simon Murray and Simon Murray (clorabidion). Mr and Mrs George Murray. Christopher Canusin Mrs Holly, Mr and Mrs George Murray. Kelly, Mr and Mrs John Kelly. Mr John Mrs John Kelly.

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/ Trotoar Trist), Dr and Mrs A, B, Ayers, Me J. Christenson, Mrs J. N. Fallinson, Mr P. Dawes, Mr L. Coley, Mrs M. Scrimgeour, Miss J. Harrapi Mrs M. Schilling, Dr Buchanan, Professor E, Boyland, Dr F. Edwards, Mrs C. J. Schilling, Dr Buchanan, Professor E, Boyland, Dr F. Edwards, Mrs C. Hong, Mrs E, Lindon, Miss C. Plant, Miss J. Poster, Dr and Mrs M. C. Hong, Mrs E, Landon, Miss C. Plant, Miss J. Poster, Dr and Mrs Mrs A. Warner, Mr W. Vason, Mrs Dr L. Loyd-Davies M. Jacobson, Dr M. Nachonse, Dr R. Doudlas, Miss S. Leigh-Mason, Mrs A. Warner, Mr W. Vason, Mrs A. Warner, Mr W. Vason, Mrs N. Corasish, Miss B. Leigh-Mason, Dr J. Sutchiffe, Dr W. Thomson Mrs M. P. Thomson Mrs D. Sloker, Mr W. Stripn, Dr D. Hearn, Mr and Mrs M. P. Thomson Mrs M. P. Dokhan, Mrs M. P. Thomson Mrs M. Mrs M. Mrs M. P. Dokhan, Mrs M. P. Halley Mrs M. Mrs M. Mrs M. P. Dokhan, Mrs M. P. Thomson Mrs M. P.

(representing the Archbishop of Wales), Bishop Gerald Mahon, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Blshop of Westminster, the Most Rev Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh, the Rev A. R. George, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, Lleutenant-Colonel F. Hoyle (Salvation Army) and the Rev Dr Leslie Edgar (Jewish faith) were robed and in the sanchuser Among those in pro-

sanctuary. Among those in procession were: The Right Rev Lord Rumsey of Canter-

Mr E. B. Latham



DR A. W. CHAPMAN Service to Sheffield University

Dr Arthur William Chapman, CRE, who was Registrar of Sheffield University from 1944 to 1963, died on February 22, aged 82. He had a most remarkable career, nearly all of it its own to every academic spent at Sheffield, of whose university he was, to countless of the university is a model of Sheffielders and Sheffield its kind. spent at Sheffield, of whose university he was, to countless of the units shind. Sheffielders and Sheffield students, the epitome; for he served it with distinction as a chemistry don, as a Warden, and as Registrar, and he was its historian.

A Londoner, who graduated from Imperial College, he joined Professor W. P. Wynne's grounds; Swimmer.

joined Professor W. P. Wynne's Chemistry Department at Sheffield in 1920, becoming Senior Lecturer in 1931. He was a splendid lecturer and teacher, with a real gift of clear exposition; he became well-known for his work on corrosion and for important research studies of the mechanics of the Beckmann rearrangement, which a former rearrangement, which a former colleague has described as markedly original and elegant. He was awarded the London DSc in 1928.

In 1936 the university opened its first hall of residence for men, Crewe Hall, and Chapman was appointed Warden. He brought his abundant administrative skills and deep understanding to the successful establishment of this new venture, as well as his abiding interest in students and student affairs, and in it he became a legend. He continued as Warden when, in 1939, he was persuaded to forsake chemistry (though he never did so entirely) and become Assistant Registrar.

Chapman succeeded to the Registrarship in 1944 and held ir until his retirement in 1963. Here he showed to the full his great qualities of wisdom, fore-sight, and understanding, and above all his great love of the university. He was a prince in his profession and his contribu-

He was appointed OBE in 1957 and advanced to CBE in 1963. Sheffield University made him an Honorary LL.D in 1964. He was a warm-hearted, generous, family man, and a most helpful and understanding colleague. In his leisure hours he took much delight in music and reading, but he was at his happiest in his beloved workshop, where he was able to in-

Always deeply concerned about students, he took great pride in the later achievements

of those he had taught and known. He devoted much time

known. He devoted much time and energy to the furtherance of student athletics and sports grounds; as an enthusiastic swimmer, he was overjoyed when he helped to persuade a benefactor to provide the university with its own swimming bath, and he exercised his right, as President of the Swimming

President of the Swimming as President of the Swimming Club, to be one of its main

He gave generously of his time outside the university. In Sheffield he was a Guardian of the Assay Office, and was

much involved in the educa-tional, musical and theatrical life of the city. Nationally he

was greatly respected as a most

eminent University Registrar

serving on many committees and playing a leading and very significant part in the setting-up of the Universities Central Council for Admissions. After

he retired he enjoyed his regu-lar service on Royal Air Force

selection boards.

metal. tion to the post-war recovery and development of the university, during the notable Vice-cal graduate of Sheffield, died in 1976. They had two daugh-Whittaker, was enormous. His ters, who survive him, as does department ran smoothly and Everyn, his second wife.

at Jesus College, Cambridge, he had the vision to invite

Dorothy L. Sayers to lecture on Dante, three years before her translation of Inferno had appeared. The lecture, ac-

claimed as outstending, was an important event in the history of English Dante studies.

dulge to the full his great skill

as a craftsman in wood and

Architecture report

Bringing the country to the city

Imperial War Museum
The chairman of the Imperial War
Museum, Marshal of the RAF Sir
John Grandy, was host yesterday
at a luncheon held to launch the
hardback edition of With a
Machine Can to Cambral by Mr
George Coppard. The guest of
honour was Mr J. B. Priestly and
the other guests were:
Laft Grandr. Vice-Admiral Sir ian and By Charles McKean
Railway travellers into Blackfriars,
Holborn or Waterloo might, were
they at all observant, nonce a little
collection of red-brick modern
houses, with orange pandles and
tiny gardens, away below in the
area between the railway yladucts.
It is, as one eminent architect has
remarked, "Richard Sheppard's
attempt to rebuild countryside in
the middle of the city where it is
not appropriate". However successful these little bouses may be,
that comment raises a matter of
principle: to wit, should houses in
urban settings be designed in the
current "rural" veruscular?
A new scheme in Bermondsey, by
architects Neylan and Ungless
makes a far more convincing attempt at designing a contemporary
veruscular appropriate 10 the city.
It is a large scheme, by Setcheil
Road, consisting of 312 dwellings
of various sizes, covering more
than 12 arrest. Two-thirds of these bonour was Mr J. B. Priestly and the other guests were:
Lady Grandr. Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady McC-woch. Mr Albiett Horner, Italia Felicity Peaks. Liouterant-teneral fire proper production, Mr Liouterant-teneral fire production, Mr Liouterant-teneral fire production, Mr Liouterant-teneral fire production, Mr Liouterant-teneral fire for the fire of the fire of

St Paul's Cathedral yesterday for a memorial service for Sir Barnes Wallis (see foot of page).

Junior Chamber of Commerce for The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Shoriff Christopher Leaver, attended the annual luncheon of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for London held at the Mansion House yesterday. Mr Mansion House yesterday. Mr Richard Marshall, president, was in the chair and the Lord Mayor, Sir Peter Parker, and Miss Stephanie Molyneux, deputy presi-dent also spoke.

Reception

London

Luncheons

Mrs S. Paul Mr and Mrs Swra! Paul gave a reception at the Portman hotel yesterday to mark the return of Mrs Indira Gandhi as Prime Minis-Mr A. H. Jonnston
and Miss J. Rusdale
The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Mr and
Mrs R. Johnston, of Leeds, Maidstone, Kent, and Judith, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs G. I. Rusdale, of Potter Hanworth, Lincoln. ter of India. Among those present were: The High Commissioner for Bangladesh and Mrs Shame-ud Dobs. the Acting and Mys Shame-ud Doha, the Acting line Commissioner for India and Mrs Bingh, the Commonwealth Secretary-Ceneral and Mrs Remphal, Battonest Ler oi Asheridge, Mr Julian Amery, Mr Michael Foot, MP, and Mrs Amery, Mr Michael Foot, MP, end Mrs Foot, Sir John Cuckney, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, and Mrs Barbara Cartland. Mr A. M. Sceates and Miss C. M. Price
The engagement is announced between Authony, younger son of the late Mr C. J. B. Sceates and Mrs E. M. Drines, of Swanses, and Carolyn. Founder daughter of Mr L. R. Price, CBE, and Mrs L. R. Price, of Plakneys Green, Berkshire.

Ball

English-Speaking Union
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of Westminster attended
the 1980 George Washington Birthday Ball arranged by the EnglishSpeaking Union, at Grosvenor
House last night. Sir Patrick
Dean, Chairman of the EnglishSpeaking Union, and Lady Dean,
Mrs Stephen Wheattroft, chairman
of the ball committee, and Mrs
Klein and Lady Edwards, joint
chairmen of the bell committee,
received the guests, who included
the American Ambassador and Mrs
Brewster. Brewster.

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh visits the Soho Housing Association and opens Royalty Mansions, Meard Street, Soho, London, 11.45 am; aronds premiere of the Disablement in the City film, How to Survive in an Occupied Country, at Britannia House, Moor Lane, at Britannia House, Moor Lane, 12.45 pm.
Exhibitions: Ship Models, Navigation Room, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 10 am-5 pm; "The Vikings", British Museum, 10 am-5 pm; American Prints 1879-1979, British Museum, 10 am-5 pm; "The Irish Joke", The Workshop, 83 Lambs Conduit Street, 10.30 am-5.30 pm; Engineering, Exhibition Hall, Lincolnshire Show-ground.

Prince Frederick Nicholas von Preussen and the Hon Victoria Mancroft The marriage took place at the Temple Church yesterday between Prince Frederick Nicholas von Preussen, eldeat son of the late Prince Frederich of Prussia and of Lady Brigid Ness, and the Hon Victoria Mancroft, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Mancroft. The Master of the Temple officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a crinolline gown of Ivory silk paper taffeta, with a flounce of Brussels lace at the shoulders, and a long train. Samantha and Camilla Barker, Temara, Gytha and Amber Nuttall, Mark and Nicholas Westenholz, Harry Lucas and the Earl of Mornington attended her. Prince Andrew von Preussen was best man. A guard of honour was found from trumpeters and pipers of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. ground.
Lecture: The Vikings in the Orkney Isles, by Anne Pearson, Assyrian basement, British Museum, 1.15 pm.
Memorial Service: Mr J. M. Adams Beck, St Botolph-without-Aldersgate, 2000. Aldersgate, noon.

buildings, sometimes wide, sometimes narrow but always urban. Where possible, advantage has been taken of mildly changing levels to use brick for paying, or for paths, or even draitage gutters. A light gravel is the other predominant surface—and a greatly welcome change from tarmac. The buildings themselves are predominantly a warm brick, but, another innovation, a gleaning white esbestos panel is used for some external wailing which contributes a quite extraordinary quality of light and colour. Taken together with the almost pinkish roof tiles (the gables are also tilehning) the coloured doors and the uildings, sometimes unde, some-

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC (third from right, front), with RAF Second World War veterans on the steps of

Road, consisting of 312 dwellings of various sizes, covering more than 12 acres. Two-thirds of these are fir one- and two-person families, the remainder, being terraced, family houses for four to eight people.

The matter is not quite so simple as one of deciding an appropriate style. Indeed, the architects maintain that the visual result (ie, the style) is the result of functional requirements and decisions and not a prerequisite. It is a very dense scheme, and the architects intention to give the majority of people their own front door at ground level, and as many as possible a garden or patio, means that the litest job is one of juggling; how many of the one type as against how many of the roof files (the gables are also tile-hung) the coloured doors and the red-painted soffits, the scheme be-comes as far removed from what one imagines a standard housing estate to be as possible.

The architects have taken parti-cular advantage to embellish the necessary detail. In those terrace houses which have three storeys, the head of the stairway has a window whose light travels down-stairs to merge with that coming window whose light travels down-stairs to merge with that coming through the front door. The pur-pose, then, was to provide for adequate internal light. However, that purpose has been trans-formed: for the top window becomes a traditional dormer win-

types of dwelling: flats overlooking an enclosed courtyard, each with their own front door, and each having double aspect: the somewhat defensively that all these things are readily available. with their own front door, and each having double aspect: the kind of thing that used to be found in remnants of the old City courts, such as Angel Court. Secondly, two three-storey blocks ant of flats using common stairwells; and flually, a series of terraced houses of varying heights, from one to three storeys. Put baldly, it may not sound remarkable. But more formal version of the post-when it is realized that here, in railway era developments in south drab Bermondsey, an architect London, those brick buildings of has managed to play the stringent two and three storeys, with ridge financial system to such benefit tiles and finials. Part of the skill

Appointments

The Ven R. Southwell on his retirement as Archdeacon of Northelt to be Archdeacon benefitw.

The Rev W. T. Bance, priest-incharge of Wendren, Cortwall discassed in Trues, to be priest-in-charge of four trints by the control of the c

Church news

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Latest wills

Rosina Grace Lawrence, of Fish-ponds, Bristol, who left 236,080 net, bequeathed all her property equally between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

of True, to be prest-in-charge of Holy Trinty, Ryde, lass of Wight, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev E. R. Dardsley, priest-mechange of Wesre Giffard with Landcross, Littleham and Monkidgh, diocese of Exoter, to be vicar of St Antrov's.

The Rev E. R. Dardsley, priest-merity of the Content of Holistonia, and the Content of Content of Holistonia, and the Content of Content

that he has won from it single storey bungalows arranged around an internal courtyard, the skill in juggling becomes apparent.

The layout of the scheme is the united belies a far greater variety of housing opportunity than the equivalent Victorian area could ever have offered. The glassurban in that the buildings were planned around the avenues of existing trees, and a network of pedestrian routes through the buildings are consistent under the properties and a network of production of Hampstead than Bermondsey.

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How sad to relate, therefore, that it is likely that this scheme could be the last of its kind. Several reasons are put forward as the cause. First, in reaction against ill-considered redevelopments, the current emphasis is on retaining as much of the existing building stock as possible, rather than a clean sweep. Laudable, perhaps, but an aim that will prevent the good as well as bad.

Setchell Road's success could

good as well as bad.

Setchell Road's success could not have been achieved on a substantially smaller site or one which had a far greater proportion of retained buildings in the middle.

Second, the Government has now abandoned Parker Morris Standards, with the likely result that local authorities will prefer to get as many buildings as they can for their money regardless of any drop in quality.

Third, whereas Government

Third. whereas Government architects could (with some difficulty) be persuaded to accept some of the innovations at Setchell some of the innovations at Setchell Road, the new system is that local authorities will become their own "cost policemen" and far less prepared to innovate.

Finally, this scheme is the culmination of many years of work by Nevian and Ungless for Southwark Borough Council. The effort is sometimes visible in the result. But as housing becomes a cheaper and more thankless task, architects of the future may not be prepared to risk such effort.

To put it simply, the country as

to risk such effort.

To put it simply, the country as a whole seems to be interested in only two points regarding public housing: building failures and vandalism. A positive interest in creating better environments is incompatible with the current cost regulations and proposed changes to standards. For those with any interest in what could have been done, a vivit to Setchell Road, Bermondsey, is well worth while. these things are readily available in the catalogue and cost no more. Would that other architects read their catalogues as closely. The consequence of all that is indeed an urban scheme: but reflecting not the urbanism of Beigravia, but a slightly denser and

25 years ago

Bonn, Feb 27.—The Bundestag today passed through their third and second readings by substantial majorities the four Bills to approve the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Anstey, Mr Baron Archibaid, of Wallington, Surrey ... £126,476

Recevers, Mr Francis Reginald Challand, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, company director ... £132,427

Bignold, Lady Ethel, of Haverhill, Suffolk ... £142,500

Davidson, Mr Sydney, of Blackford, Carlisle, Cumbria £177,216

Duffin, Mr Arthur Stanley, of Coasby, Lincolnshire ... £271,655

Hayward, Mr Ronald Harry Edward, of Richmond, pharmacist, fint of only the Bundestag exhausted but the government coalistic in a state of evident strain. The final scene tonight was bitter and noisy. Each side had put down a declaratory resolution to accompany the Bill concerning the Franco-German agreement on the Saar. The two drafts had much in common. Each declared the Saar agreement to imply no change in the national status of the Saar territory or of its people, which remained German. Each expressed the German view of the political fractions. Suspense £159,912

The Rev Dr E. A. Payne

From The Times of Monday, Feb From Our Own Correspondent

The Rev Dr E. A. Payne
The Archbishop of Camerbury
was represented by the Bishop of
London at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Dr
Ernest Payne held in Westminster
Abbey yesterday. The Dean of
Westminster officiated, assisted by
the Rev Alan Luff, precentor and
sacrist. Also taking part in the
service were the Rev Dr Howard
Williams, Minister of Bloomsbury
Williams, Minister of Bloomsbury
Ochentral Baptist Church, the Rev
Dr Kenneth Slack, director of
Christian Aid, who read from St
Paul's Epistle to the Romans,
XII vv1-13, 'Miss Pauline Webb,
member of the executive committee of the World Council of
Churches, who read from Pitgrini,
tee of the Baptist Union of Great
Britain and Ireland and principal
of Bristol Baptist College, the
Rev Dr Philip A. Potter, General
secretary of the Baptist Union of
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Morton, general secretary of the
British Council of Churches, and
the Rev Dr David Russell, general
secretary of the Baptist Union of
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the Rev Dr David Russell, general
secretary of the Baptist Union of
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of Churches, the Rev Hatty O.
Morton, general secretary of the
British Council of Churches, and
the Rev F. Linyard (Moravian
Connection)

The Rev Dr Peter Brodie (representing the Moderator of the
General Assembly of the Church
of Scotland), the Rev W. Jacob
(representing the Archbishop of
Wales), Bishop Gerald Mahon,
Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop

Macan and Dr March and Mir J.
Connection of Churches, the Rev Dr Macan and Churches of Council
of Churches of Catholic Auxiliary Bishop

Mr E. Blatan

Mr E. B. Latham
A memorial service for Mr E.
Bryan Latham was heid at St
John's Wood Church, NW8, on
February 26. The Rev Gary
Bradley officiated, assisted by the
Rev Hugh Fryer, Rector of North
Hill Parish Church, Cornwall.
Among those present were Mrs
Bryan Latham and other members
of the family, friends and representatives of the timber trade.

DR GEORGE S. PURKIS

Dr George S. Purkis, a promoting the Summer School cholar well known in educa- held at Girton College in 1935. In 1946, as Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Summer School of Italian held tional circles and for activities relating to Italian studies has died in Colchester at the age of

Born in 1889, of a family of six children, George Purkls worked first as a bank clerk, but an opportunity to teach English in Naples changed the course of his life. From 1912 to 1915 he mingled in the pre-war Angle-Neapolitan world of writers and arrists. In 1915 he returned to England and joined the Ambulance Corps. After serving in France, he joined the Royal Horse Artillery and served in Egypt and Palestine under General Allenby, finishing the war with the rank of Captain.

On being demobilized, he enrolled at King's College. London University, graduating in French, Latin and Italian. He entered the teaching profession and from 1927 taught French, German and Italian at French, German and Italian at Colchester Royal Grammar School, where he became Senior Modern Language and love of languages and love of languages and love of languages and literature. Until shortly before time, he wrote an MA thesis for London University on Laurent de Premierfair's translation of Boccaccio's Decameron, and a PhD thesis on the poetry of Glovanni Pascoli. He served for several years on the committee of the Modern Languages.

Married in 1919 to Marjorie Craig, he had a daughter and mirtee of the Modern Langu-

From 1949 to 1969 Dr Purkis worked steadily as a valued contributor to both volumes of the Cambridge Italian Dictionary. In 1938 he had published, also with the CUP, a selection of Pascoli's poems, with an introduction and notes. still in use in schools and Universities, During the Second World War he collaborated in producing an Italian grammar and phrase book for the Forces, Bill e Frank in Italia.

ing pro-7 taught Of a modest and retiring talian at personality, Dr Purkis was an 3rammar inspiration to his pupils and became colleagues for his wide culture

Craig, he had a daughter and ages Association, and as two sons, one of whom died in Treasurer of the Society for the war. His widow, daughter Italian Studies was active in and one son survive him.

DR HOPE TRANT

posted to France. After the war, she studied medicine at Trinity College Dublin, qualified in her late thirties, and then accompanied her elderly mother on a family visit to South Africa. Both there, and later in East Africa she worked as the doctor attached to missionary societies.

Dr Trant also served with the International Locust Coutrol Service, and with a number of governmental medical surveys, studying nutrition and diseases, particularly Filariasis, so that her contact with African tribes-

Dr Hope Trant, OBE died men taught her a great deal Dr Hope Trant, OBE died at Margate, South Africa, on February 22, aged 91 years. She had spent some 40 years as a doctor, mostly in East Africa, often working alone in isolated settlements.

Born in 1888, in County Tipperary, Ireland, she showed an early interest in amateur theatricals, but, with the outbreak of the First World War, she joined the VAD and was posted to France, After the war,

She often found herself the only person with medical knowledge within several days' walk-ing distance, and on one occaonly doctor at Chinsali hospital where she had to receive two lorry loads of gruesome casualties from the Lenshina riots.

Dr Trant was made OBE for her services to medicine in East Africa, and received the ODS (Zambia) from Dr Kenneth Kaunda "To Our Trusty and Kaunda Well Beloved Dr Trant".

LT-GEN A. N. FLOYER-ACLAND

Lieutenant-General Arthur tary in the War Office as a Nugent Floyer-Acland, CB, DCO,
MC, DL, who died on February
18, aged 94, was commissioned into the Duke of Cornwalls
Light Infantry in 1907. He went to France as adjutant of his battalion in 1914 and except for cirk leave and a three results. sick leave and a three months tour in the War Office, he served in France or Italy throughout the whole of World War I, earning himself one of the earliest MCs, a brevet majority and the Croix de Guerre.

He was made a brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in 1927 and took command of the 1st Battalion in India in 1931. On promotion he commanded the 3rd (Jhelum) Infantry Brigade from 1936 to 1938 which kind and enlightened landlord included operations in Waziriwith a wide and extensive stan. He was promoted Major-knowledge of the countryside General to command 43rd and its requirements; he

neer, Office of Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and ging editor of The Daily Tele-Administrations, 1955 to 1967. graph. He retired in 1968.

the East Dorset Hospital Board before the days of the Area Health Authorities, was Chairman of the East Dorest Water Board and for many years sat on his local rural council.

Arthur Floyer Acland proved himself an outstanding soldier in two World Wars and on the Indian Frontier during years of peace. He was diligent in all public business, scrupulously upright in all that he did and was more than modest about his achievements. He was a kind and enlightened landlord Wessex Division in 1938; in a keen naturalist an excellent 1940 he became Military Secreshot and a very keen fisherman.

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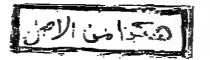
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BUSINESS NEWS



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\$2.2875 up 1.10 cent Index 73.2 up 0.3

Dollar Index 86.1 unchanged

Gold

\$642.50 up \$2.5

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IN BRIEF

Investors cautious on **Treasury** £800m offer

Applications for the Government's latest gilt edged offering £800m of Treasury 14 per cent 1996, were relatively light

rest 1996, were relatively light resterday.
All applications were allosted in full at the minimum tender price of £951 per cent.
Many investors are taking a cautious view ahead of the Budget. They are keen to see how the present domestic monetary squeeze resolves itself and how much higher imprest rates are likely to rise interest rates are likely to rise

see if the Bank of England will announce a further deferral in the scheduled recall of special

deposits. Financial Editor, page 21 Markets, page 4

GKN buys US stake

GKN, Britain's biggest engineering group, has bought 80 per cent of the Worldparts Division of the Maremont Corporation of Chicago for an indisclosed sum. Worldparts, which distributes motor parts and accessories has prepared md accessories, has turnover of \$25m (£10.9m).

Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi, Italian Treasury Minister and president of the International Monetary Fund's interim committee, made his first stop in Madrid as part of a globe trotting effort to sell the idea of gold as a new reserve asset to key EMF member countries. There was an immediate tries. There was an immediate rebuff from Sen José Ramon Alvarez, the Spanish Central

\$132m order for UK

Balfour Beatty and Edmund Nuttall, Sons and Co has been marded a contract to build a \$132m (about £58m) hydroelectric power project in Sri lanka under the Mahaveli River luin development scheme.

French inflation up

French inflation is expected to rise to an annualized 13 per test in first half 1980, compred with 11.8 per cent in 1979, the national statistics assume said in Paris. It forecasts a Prench first helf deficit if 15,000m francs (about 1,513m) largely caused by the higher cost of energy and raw naterial imports.

lan project resumes

Technicians from a Japanese consortium have arrived in han to resume work on the \$3,000m (about £1,322m) petrothemical project at Bandar Rhomeini in southern Iran. Construction halted last March on the joint Japanese-Iranian tenture in which Mitsui has a 90 per cent stake.

German deficit

Soaring prices of oil drove West Germany's trade with Arab countries into a deficit d 1,200m Deutsche marks about £302m) last year after surplus of 3,000m Deutsche arks in 1978.

Loan to Turkey

The European Investment link has announced in Luxem bourg a loan of 75 million usurs of account (about £47.5m) to linkey for lignite mining and building a power station. for restraint over threat of steel clash But in his opening address Mr van Lennep criticized the slow progress made by govern-Attempts to avert a damagments in implementing policies to cope with the steel industry crisis but added: "Purely defensive measures would, over the longer run, be detri-

mental to the interests of the world economy as a whole and

to the interests of the steel industry itself."

officials, trade union leaders and steel company executives

to discuss the 10-year prospect

for the industry against the

hackground of reduced levels of demand and growth, and in-

treused competiton from deviloping countries.

Mr Hodges, who chaired
today's session, emphasized
that the uncertain and unpro-

mising conditions were likemy

to continue for the next five

years and somehow the in-dustry had to learn how to

survive and prosper.
Surplus capacity worldwide

decline gradually, but Japan believes the balance between domand and supply will tighten markedly by 1985.

Nippon Steel Corporation, the world's largest steemmaker, presented forecasts which predicted that apparent world steel consumption in 1985 would prehably reach 900

1985 would probably reach 900

million tonnes. But consump-tion would rise by only 3 per

cent a year, which is about balf the rateexperienced over

the 13 years to 1973.
Mr Tsutomu Kono, general

manager of the company's

economic research department,

forecast that consumption to industrialized countries would total 445 million tonnes, devel-

oping countries 135 million tonnes and Eastern block coun-

tries 320 million tonnes. But, if

steel demand remained stag-nant the overall consumption

figure would be about 850 million tonnes.
industrialized countries would

He predicted that capacity in industrialized countries would

be little changed at about 560

million tonnes, but developing countries were likely to expand their steelmaking capacity to 120m tonnes by

By Peter Wainwright

A foretaste of riches from

the boom in precious metals came yesterday from Johnson Matthey, the £140m group of refiners of gold and other precious metals, bankers and

chemists in which De Beers has

23 per cent. De Beers is one of Mr Harry Oppenheimer's far-

flung mining enterprises which was recently used to seize secretly 2 25 per cent stake in Consolidated Gold Fields.

Johnson's financial year runs

o the end of March, and in the

first nine months (to December

31) the group used good prices

of gold, silver and platinum to hoist pre-tax profits from £14.45m to £20.19m. Sales climbed from £382.38m to

E542.93m. Tax acutally fell from £7.06m to £6.65m, and

carnings a share soured from 22.9p to 33.9p, expressed on an

annual basis.

Johnson has also decided that

it need no longer provide E25.19m for deferred tax which

New car sales in Australia recovered in January after a

Car sales pick up

It will never pay, and it has used most of the money to increase reserves by nearly £16m.

Precious metal stocks are drugs, and cold print transfers.

recovered in January after a dropped slightly in December sharp fall in December, according to preliminary estimates issued by the statistics bureau Bank of Italy reports.

Gold rush boost for

Johnson Matthey

The symposium has brought

senior government

attempts to avert a comag-ing trade war, were made here today with a thinky veiled appeal to the United States to refrain from initiating anti-dumping action against Euro-pean and Japanese steel pro-ducers. Urging the need for an

International and cooperative approach in dealing with the problems confronting the world steel industry. Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Develop-ment (OECD) said the in-dustry was passing through a difficult transition period.

"It is essential that there is greater mutual understanding

between trading partners and that a proper balance of poli-cles is pursued", he said, self restraint is needed to avoid recourse to new or more restricted trade measures, even if this appears legitimate in terms of international trade ules. which is now estimated at His plea came at the opening about 100 million tonnee will

session of a two-day sympo-sium on the industry's problems organized by the OECD, but given new significance by the US Steel Corporation's threat to file anti-dumping submissions with American government agencies. The threat has strained rela-

tions between the United States and the EEC, and has prompted a hectir round of high-level diplomatic meetings. If the submissions go ahead, European steelmakers could be faced with a halving of the five million tonnes of steel exports to the United States this year at a cost of about \$430m which would lead to further cutbacks in the industry.

sently controlled by a system of "trigger prices" and new price levels are likely to be reverled next week, according to Mr Luther Hodges, the United States's Deputy Secretary of Commerce.
The level at which they are

American imports are pre-

set will be a major factor in deciding whether or not US Steel, and others, go ahead with their case, according to Mr Lewis Foy, chairman of Bethiehem Steel.

Iran assets

stay safe in

Switzerland

Berne, Feb 27.-United States

banks in Switzerland have not

so far blocked any Iranian funds

as for as Swiss authorities are

President Carter's order to

American banks last November

to freeze Iranian funds all over the world could have no legal effect in Switzerland, the Swiss government said in a written parliamentary reply in Berne. Neither the federal banking

commission nor the Swiss nat-

ional bank knew of any cases of Iranian funds in Switzerland being blocked by branches or subsidiaries of United States' banks, it said.

oanks, it said.

The government intended to take no action over the affair, adding that it was up to civil courts to rule on any lingation.

Caroline Atkinson writes: In contrast, branches of United States banks in London and Paris in particular have imple-

mented the presidential freeze

on Iranian assets. Lawyers act-

ing for the Iranians have apparently decided that their case is best pursued through the courts

There has been widespread

criticism in European banking circles of the United States action in blocking Iran's assets.

action in blocking Iran's assets. The repercussions on the banking world have, on the whole, been less than feared. This is partly because non-American bankers, in some cases including central banks, went out of their way to reassure Iran, and more particularly other Organization of Partlem Exporting Countries

Petroleum Exporting Countries members, that they abhorred the idea of freezing assets and

intended to carry on business

In London and Paris.

nware.

OECD chief calls Belgium joins interest rates 'war'

By Caroline Atkinson

The latest move in an international interest rate "war" came yesterday with a 11 point rise in Belgium's discount rate to a record 12 per cent, effective from today. The West German Federal Bank is expected to raise its Lombard rate at today's meeting of the council, and the Dutch are predicted to be planning a rate increase.

The supposen monetary system of the European monetary system. It had been discounted all and Lombard rates by 1 percentage point from their present 6 per cent and 7 per cent respectively. This would only bring them in line with market rates. It has strengthened the dollar against other today's meeting of the council, and the Dutch are predicted to be planning a rate increase.

The authorities in the American distribution of a per cent respectively. This would only bring them in line with market rates.

The yen has been the weakest currency against the dollar and the Japanese are anxious to stop it from felling too far The be planning a rate increase, Japan too is likely to follow a

gered off a worldwide rise in interest rates. It has strength-ened the dollar against other currencies such as the yen, Deutsche mark and Swiss franc. The authorities in these coun-tries are unhappy about seeing too big a drop in their exchange

the Japanese are anxious to stop it from falling too far. The Bank of Japan is expected to raise officially controlled bank deposit rates by between 1 and 1 percentage point, according to the Federation of Bankers Association 4 further rise in one point rise in the discount too big a drop in their exchange deposit rates by between 1 and rate last week by pushing the rates.

The Belgian action was taken largely to bolster the sinking mained verage yields on all franc, which has been threaten ing to slip out of the bottom too big a drop in their exchange deposit rates by between 1 and 1 percentage point, according to the Federation of Bankers Association. A further rise in the discount rate, though probably desirable for the yen, is thought unlikely yet.

Japanese prime rates are going up from Saturday, it was announced yesterday. Japanese long term credit banks, trust banks and life insurance companies will raise prime rates from 8.2 per cent to 8.8 Sterling remained firm on foreign exchange markets yesterday, with a rise of 0.3 points

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terday, with a rise of 0.3 points on the effective index to 73.2 per cent of its end 1971 value. Against the dollar it gained 1.1 cents to 2.2875. The German federal bank intervened to hold the mark up against the dollar when it rose above DM1.76. However the dollar closed the day down a little at DM1.759. Yen facing new decline, page 20

Mr Lacey may bid for whole of Lonrho

By Philip Robinson Mr Graham Lacey's attempt to buy 19 per cent of Lourho from Gulf Fisheries has been delayed for the third time and has sparked City speculation that he could be putting a package together to bid for the

No further announcement is expected for 30 days after a meeting between Mr Lacey and Shaikh Nasser, who controls Gulf Fisheries, on Monday.

It is understood that no problems have arisen over the 19 per cent holding, but a much more ambitious plan is now being formulated. A spokesman for Mr Lacey said last night; "There are no problems, but talks are continuing. No an-nouncement is expected for 30

Speculation pushed Lonrho's price up 7p to 105p yesterday, which would give it a market price tag of £262.5m.

The 19 per cent stake, if the marker price was paid, would cost Mr Lacey around £42.5m. He has announced he plans to buy the stake through an as yet unnamed private American company which he controls. He has already given a reference to Gulf Fisheries, which says it is satisfied he can find the

In the City, conclusions are being drawn from a recent statement by Mr Lacey known for taking strategic stakes and then requesting a seat on the board—that he does not want to join the present Lonrho board.

Meanwhile Mr Roland Rowland, Lourno's chief executive, has spent a further £340,000 of his own cash to buy 350,000 shares at 97.23p a share, bringing his personal holding in the company to 26 million shares, 12.3 per cent of the squity.

He now controls the voting rights on just under 15 per cent of the Lourho shares, including five million shares of Mr Daniel K. Ludwig, reputedly the world's richest man, with whom Lourbo struck a 50-50 deal over Bermuda hotels group Princess Properties The move is being seen by

some as the first of a number of defensive moves. Mr Row-land is already on record as saying that he would like to turn Lourho into a private

He said yesterday: "I bought this parcel of shares because it was offered to me by a broker and I intend buying more if the opportunity shouldn't I?

"I would encourage Mr Lacey to make a bid for the group... if he can pull it off. The last time Mr Lecey and I met was two years ago over something else: I haven't seen him since and I don't know whether he can raise 41p, let alone £40m. "And if he's actually got the

stake, why doesn't he come out with some announcement? If he can put rogether a consor-tium to bid for us, why doesn't he bid for ICI?"

Mr Rowland added: "Mr Ludwig and I are personal friends. We talk almost daily about Londoo. The Princess deal will not be the last". The 30-day delay

Lacey's announcement will take it past the Lourho annual meeting to be held on March 14 at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London.

But sparks could fly without him. It is understood that Guif Fisheries — if it is still owner of the shares by then—is not happy about the Lourbo resolution to increase the authorized share capital by creating a further 40 million shares, lifting the authorized share capital from £62.5m to £72.5m.

It is understood that there are number of authorized

Polish ship orders expected to build up losses of £40m

By John Huxley British Shipbuilders expects to make a loss of £40m on its controversial deal to supply

Poland with bulk carriers, but the state-owned corporation re-mains confident that total losses this year will be within the government target of £100m. MPs were told, however, that yards were now being starved of investment capital and that the corporation's rela-tionship with Government was

tionship with Government was "an unsatisfactory mismatch". Mr John Parker, the board member for merchant shipping, blamed part of the cost escalation of the Polish deal on delays ar Clydeside and Dundee yards. Half of the ships were being built at yards scheduled for closure under the restructuring plan, he rold a parliamentary Select Committee yesterday. This was "not extactly a stimulant" to the workforce to complete the ships.

plete the ships. The £115m Potish deal at-tracted subsidies of £28m (not included in the present esti-mate of losses) when it was mate of losses) when it was agreed in 1977. It was heavily criticized at the time.

Orders for individual ships had to be reallocated after an reasonable chance that the industrial distance.

had to be resilocated after an industrial dispute at Swan Hunter, one of the original recipients of work. The order was also held up in its early stages by late arrival of parts. MPs beard yesterday that losses were being made on each merchant ship bulk, not only by British Shipbuilders but probably by other yards throughout the world. According to the type of ship, costs continued to exceed prices by between 18 and 45 per cent.
Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin,
corporation chairman, conceded that this meant each new

now valued at £37.8m against £31.73m, and net assets as a whole rose from £166.4m to

These figures only hint at the scale of profits Johnson has yet

to report because its commis

sion income goes up with the price of the metals it treats. And gold only began its sudden

ascent last autumn after spend-ing most of last year at around

ing most of last year at around \$400 an ounce. It went to \$460 by Christmas before powering, early in January, to \$630. It surged to \$755 in mid-January and closed eventually at \$835 with dealers predicting \$1,000 on January 18. That sig-

nalled the end of the panic, but at last night's close of \$642.5, Johnson is still com-fortably ahead of last year's

levels. It is also prospering from silver, and platinum whose prices have been rising. Johnson Marthey's industrial

interests are inevitably over-shadowed by the precious metals boom, but they are grow-

order won added to losses. However, it made sense to recoup some of the cost of pre-serving shipbuilding capability. which would be profitable in

the future. Mr Maurice Elderfield, board member for finance, said that the corporation would be within its £100m loss limit for 1979-80, "but not well within". A loss of £53m was reported in December for the first half year.
He edded that much would

depend upon changes in market conditions and unpre-dictable factors such as currency fluctuations. Japan, the world's largest shipbuilder and the price leader, had benefited from a 25 per cent effective devaluation of the yen against the pound last year.
Admiral Griffin, who is due

to step down as chairman in March, was asked whether the corporation would be working on a commercial basis in 16 months' time, as requested by the Government. He said this had not been clearly defined,

market would return to equili-brium in 1981, allowing shipbuilders to recover costs through prices. British Ship-builders was being restructured in line with present market estimates, but with sufficient flexibility to expand capacity to meet the expected upturn

mates that this represents a target order book of 45 ships —so far, orders for 26 have been received. If adds that this core is being

starved of investment. Mr Elderfield told MPs that government-imposed limits have "severely limited investment to a damaging extent."

Available cash was being spent on health and safety improvements and the essential replacement of worn-out assets. The corporation would like to spend about 160m a year more on modernization, aimed at securing improved productivity. Spending on fixed assets last year was 125m. Admiral Griffin said British Mr John Parker: Yard Shipbuilders would like to closures "no stimulant" to

build more covered yards and introduce improved workshop and band tools. He pointed to increased spending on auto-mated controls by Britain's competitors, especially Japan. The chairman also criticized the present role of the Depart-ment of Industry in its relation-

ship with his industry. The department was essentially slow moving and took no risks, creating an "unsatisfactory mismatch" with the shipbuilding industry.
Unless processing of orders into contracts was speeded up,

the corporation did not expect to use the £65m set as the limit of intervention fund allocations. This was partly because of delays in approving advances in Brussels and elsewhere which, Mr Elderfield said, had actually caused British Shipbuilders to lose orders.



closures "no stimulant" to workers to complete Polish

the European Community which plays the game according to the

The generosity of credit packages offered by competitors caused great frustration in the corporation. In some cases, it had been reported, customers were earning money from the use of their ships before they had to begin paying for them. Admiral Griffin said the cor-

poration had been embarrassed by the Ministry of Defence's failure to place orders which were "confidently expected". were "confidently expected". MPs heard that attempts were tivity, although the introduction of two and three shift working Merchand.

Merchant shipbuilding capacity was being reduced from 630,000 compensated gross registered tonnes (cgrt) in 1977 to 400,000 cgrt, and employment from 38,000 to about 18,000 by mid-1980. The corporation esti-

Sit-in at Apology over Lloyd's Airfix plant to go on

By R. W. Shakespeare

The dismissed workers who have been occupying the Airfix ludustries' Meccano and Dinky Toys factory in Liverpool for the past three months yesterdecided to continue their st-in beyond today's deadline set by the company. Fewer than 300 of the original labour force of 940 attended the meeting at which the decision was

Airfix says that more than 800 of the workers—most of whom are women—have now accepted redundancy payments which range from about £450 to £5,000. Most seem ready to comply with the company's condition that they should take no further part in the sit-in, which has been kept up since the plant was closed at two hours' notice in November. Almost all of the former shop stewards have accepted reducdancy payments. After yesterday's meeting a

spokesman for the action com-mittee which has been leading the sit-in said; "There are still enough of us left determined to carry on the fight Airfix announced so Airfix announced some weeks ago that it would take no action about the sir-in until after today when the statutory 90 days' notice period runs out. But it has indicated that it would consider applying for a court order for possession

Sasse statement Lord Napier took exception to By Richard Allen, Insurance Correspondent

Mr Peter Green, chairman of Lloyd's has apologized to Lord Napier and Ettrick, a member of the stricken Sasse underwriting syndicate, for any "embarrassment" that may have been caused by a public statement on the Sasse affair issued last September. The apology contained in a

letter written earlier this mouth resolves a row which has been simmering beneath the surface of the Sasse dispute since last September. Lord Napier, who is private Lord Napier, who is private secretary to Princess Margaret, is among 29 members of the Sasse syndicate who are currently suing Lloyd's and disputing their liabilities in respect of a substantial part of losses totalling more than

£20m. In his letter to Lord Napior, Mr Green describes the Sasse affair as "a most unfortunate, distressing and distaseful disaster '

The personal dispute involving Lord Napier centred on a press release issued by Lloyd's last September, which stated that Lloyd's had commenced legal proceedings seeking a dec-laration as to the legal obligations of those members of the Sasse syndicate "who have indicated a reluctance to com-

the suggestion that he was re-luctant to comply with legal obligations. Through solicitors, he pointed out that the only payments he was reluctant to discharge were those that he could not legally be called upon to make. Major parts of the court acti Major parts of the court action by Lord Napier and other syndicate members centre

on what they see as illegal as-pects of the way loss-making business was introduced to the Sasse syndicate. In his letter Mr Green points out that his major concern last

September was in ensuring that

Lloyd's met its annual audit. The letter says: "By a Telex to Waltons & Morse our solicitors, we were left in no doubt that Clifford-Turner (solicitors) on behalf of a group of names (underwriting members) of whom you were one intended to start proceedings to prevent the completion of the audit. As I told you, by some speedy footwork Lloyd's won the race to the Law Courts by a short head." He adds: "I apologize if our

actions did cause you embaras-sment and assure you that it was not intended." A spokesman for Lord Napier said that Mr Green's explanarion and apology had been ac-

still 28 millions shares available to be issued, and the argument is likely to be that, with no plans in the pipeline, there is no obvious reason to increase the numbers of

First meeting on EEC consumer affairs programme

Italy's reserves drop

Italy's net official reserves

Kings of the Castle review their Euro-subjects

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Conda 5
Denmark Kr
Ithland Mkk
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While the rest of the Irish Republic pondered the prospects of a painful Budget yesterday, Dublin Castle, that former bas-tion of British rule, was given over to a grand exercise in Euro-demography. In St Patrick's Hall, a lux-

In St Patrick's Hall, a lux-urious annex to the throne room from which the British once administered Ireland, 27 Euro-MPs and a host of international businessmen and consumerists gathered for a two-day hearing on the EEC consumer affairs programme.

While its impact on Dublin life was minimal, the meeting broke new ground in publicizing the running of the Community's affairs and highlighted the polarity of current views on con-sumer legislation. The programme proposes such controversial areas as product liability and legal controls over

advertising, and in Dublin the consumer delegations expanded

the day's debate to cover the creation of a European price commission, a notion which was

greeted with horror.

merce delegation, summed up their opposition when he said: "In the long run the consumer is best served in a mixed economy by the influence of competition in fixing prices".

The MP's delegation split evenly in its support, with the Left behind the consumers and the Right explauding the British point of view. The hearing was chaired by Mr Kenneth Collins, Scottish Labour Euro-MP who now hopes to arrange similar hearin other parts of the Community.

"The meeting has been a contribution to open govern-ment", he said. "We feel a need to open up the Community to make the whole business of Community decision-making a constant dialogue with the public."

Mr Roger Underhill, director report on consumer legislation general of the Advertising for the European Parliament, Association, who was one of the said the hearing's 125,000 international Chamber of Comto shape the Community's eventual consumer affairs policy. His report is due out this

summer and the Parliament intends to have its considered views with the EEC Commission before the end of the year.
The EEC's last consumer programme, in 1975 was scuppered by inaction at Council of Ministers level. But yesterday's bearing received a commitment from Mr Richard Burke, the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs that the Parliament's new report would receive serious attention.

Dr O'Connell dropped two broad hints yesterday of what his report would contain. He spoke in favour of the appointment of a European director-general of consumer affairs and the creation of a consulta-Dr John O'Connell, Dublin tive committee on products and Labour Euro-Mp, who as prices, both of which did rapporteur will write the draft nothing to quell the business



Mr Roger Underhill: opposition to European price com-

delegations' belief that consumerism's star showed no sign David Hewson

Forecast of slowdown in German economy From Peter Norman

Brussels, Feb 27
The Munich-based IFO Economic Research Institute today gave a warning that recent strong growth in the West Ger-

strong growth in the West German economy could give way to stagnation and possibly decline in the course of this year.

In what must be the gloomiest economic forecast produced in Germany since the oil price rises of last year, IFO predicted an increase in unemployment from the end of spring, problems for the authorities in combatting inflation, a continuing high budget deficit and a further deterioration in the country's current account balance of payments position.

Although the detailed forecasts published by the institute would be welcomed as over-

would be welcomed as over-whelmingly positive in most western countries, they represent a marked downward revision of the German government's own economic targets published less than a mouth

The institute is not forecastcent gain. But it says that most own forecast of DM20,000m of this growth will be accounted and two and a half times last for by a statistical overhang year's deficit of DM9,000m.

from 1979 and that in the course of the year, real GNP, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, will first stagnate and could possibly fall. The unemployment figures

The unemployment figures are expected to show a similar trend. Although the average unemployment rate should rise only marginally by some 24,000 persons to 3.9 per cent of the working population (or 900,000) from 3.8 per cent last year, IFO expects the actual number of jobless could be 150,000 higher at the end of 1980 than at the end of December, 1979.

The oil price increases are The oil price increases are expected to frustrate the gov-

expected to musicate the gov-ernment's efforts to control in-flation, resulting in an average consumer price rise of 5 per cent this year against 4 per cent in 1979, and should lead to a marked worsening of Ger-many's current account balance many's current account balance of payments deficit. The institute forecasts a current account deficit of around DM23,000m this year which is somewhat higher than the Government's



German recycling creates 1,300 jobs

The recycling business is booming in West Germany, creating new jobs and saving the country millions of marks. According to officials in Bonn, West Germany leads the European Economic Community in the recycling of waste glass, paper and metal. The most spectacular growth has been in the reuse of old glass, which has led to 1,300 extra jobs.

In 1978, with the help of the public, 410,000 tomes of old glass was collected at about 15,000 collection points. As a result, the substitution of used glass for new in the making of glass containers rose in 1979 to 15 per cent of the total, as against 5 per cent in 1974. Recycling also saved at least 85,000 tonnes of oil, and other raw materials such as sods and

Brazil backs controls

Brazil is determined to contime its traditional policy of wage indexation and price con-trol while containing inflation. Senhor Antonio Delfim Netto, the Brazilian planning minister, expects wages to increase to match inflation, but will be held to a maximum 45 per cent this year. Prices will also be controlled.

Hongkong's growth



Philip Haddon-Cave (above), the Hongkong Financial Secretary, said in his budget that the Colony's gross domestic product growth is estimated at a preliminary 11.5 per cent com-pared with a forecast of 7 per cent, and 10 per cent in 1978. The 1979 gdp at current prices is SHK87,350m prices is \$HK87,350m (£7,869m), 26.4 per cent higher

Mitsui ship orders

Mitsui Engineering and Ship-building of Tokyo has won orders estimated at 9,000m yen (about £16m) from two Norwe-gian shipping firms to build two carriers by early 1982. One is a 62,000-deadweight-ton bulk carrier for Thor Dahl A/S, and the other a 38,000 ton bulk carrier for A/S Billabong.

Indonesian oil well

Paramins, the Indonesian state owned oil company says a new well in Khrisna oil field in the West Java Sea, just off Sumarra is flowing at the rate of 8,779 barrels a day.

Need for exports

Sweden cannot expect its gross national product to rise more than an average three per cent in the years to 1985, Mr Goesta Bohman, the economics minister says in Stockholm. A growing share of GNP must go to exports to restore economic belance.

US productivity fall

Kingdom is not alone in having to fight for markets. West Ger-Productivity in the United States private business sector declined in the fourth quarter from the third quarter at a 0.6 many and the United States have both lost shares year by year in the 1970s and the countries that have benefited are cent seasonally adjusted annual rate that was slower than the initially estimated 1,6 per cent rate of drop. France, Italy, Spain, Japan and Switzerland. The current reduction in

China crude price up China has told Japanese oil refineries that the price of its Taching crude oil would be raised by 87.5 cents a barrel to \$33.20 a barrel retroactive to

February 1, industry sources say. The price was last raised to \$32.325 on January 1.

Union claim

The West German Ranking and Insurance Trade Union is calling for a 10.6 per cent rise for its 200,000 members, in-cluding a basic 8.6 per cent wage rise and Christmas and holiday bonuses.

Kuwait's revenues

Kuwait's revenues from oil and gas in the year ending June 30, 1979 amounted to about \$14.000m (26,167m), 28 percent higher than the previous year, the Kuwait central bank reports in its latest quarterly bulletin

Steel output down Canadian steel ingot output totalled 339,511 tons in the week ended February 23, off 3.3 per cent from 351,199 tons

the previous week, but up 0.7 per cent from 337,272 tons a year earlier, according Statistics Canada in Ottawa. Jamaica's energy plan

directors of Reed International.

Mr Hillan is a deputy chairman of Reed Group with responsibility for packaging operations, and is also chairman and chief executive of Reed Corrugated Cases. Sir Keith Skinner is a director of International Publishing Corporation and chairman and chief executive of IPC Business Press.

Mr R. A. Barberis has been Mr Horace Clark, Jamaica's energy minister, has announced plans to reduce oil imports by 10 per cent this year and stimulate the use of other energy sources. Jamaica spent \$310m (about £137m) on oil imports last year and the estimated figure for 1980 is over \$490m.

Producing countries get together in attempt to stabilize soaring prices

Stemming troubles in the tin trade

Seven leading tin-producing countries, which provide more than 80 per cent of the world's tin, met in the Thai resort town of Chiang Mai this month to establish their positions in negotiations next month for the sixth international tin agreement

In Geneva.

The seven—Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, Nigeria, Zaire and Bolivia—have not always seen eye to eye, or with the consumers led by the United States, on how to bring about stable tin prices. But informed sources noted unity recently on a number of potentially divisive issues.

Tin prices have not been stable for the past two decades and industry sources point to unexpected releases from the strategic stockpile and the ineffectiveness of the buffer stock pool held by the International Tin Council (ITC).

The price continues to move unwards, in

The price continues to move unwards. In keeping with the general speculative move into commodities. There are already indications of Arab speculative interest in tin, copper and natural rubber along with gold and silver, according to informed

market sources. The United States has indicated that it would release 35,000 tons from its strategic stockpile—5,000 tons into the ITC buffer stock and the balance released in the marketplace at 10,000 tons a year for three years—so as not to disrupt the market and to make a maximum profit for the stockpile itself. But the announcement put a damper on the market.

Tin production had been tapering off in recent years though it has picked up

in recent years though it has picked again as prices reached a level high enough to bring the marginal producers back. But a stockpile release upsets prices

Tough year

ahead for

valves and

1978 but now faces considerable

Uncertainty on oversess mar-

The SWP says that the con-

sequences of the upheaval in

Jean, the United Kingdom's

biggest export market, are not

yet quantified, but depressed

demand for valves in many

sectors with the decrease of

home and overseas market shares has led to deckning

Pumps have also been affected

by the strength of sterling, the low level of demand from the water and power plant industries and temporary levelling off

of demand in the Middle East.

The sector's total sales in 1978 increased by 13 per cent on 1977 but exports rose by only

per cent, import penetration

in the valves market now ex-ceeds 30 per cent although imports of pumps have slightly reduced. The report adds: "Whereas imports used to fill

specific needs not met by home producers, there is now evid-ence of strong competition in many standard types of valve.

Objectives now set for the sector are to hold on to its 10

per cent world market share, contain imports to 20 per cent of

British sales and to achieve an annual growth rate of output of

The SWP says that the United

orders and sales is not resulting

in an overall loss of jobs in the industry although in the

past year numbers employed in valve manufacture have de-creased by 1,000 while the labour force in the pump sector

has increased by a similar

The SWP says that many

companies have the capacity to

increase output on present staff-

ing levels, but the shortage of certain skills is still a cause of great concern and likely to be a constraint on any substantial future upturn in business.

* Pumps and Valves SWP
Progress Report 1980, available
free from NEDO Books, 1 Steele
House, 11 Tothill Street,
London, SW1H 9LJ.

Business appointments

Mr Anthony Hampton, chaleman of Record Ridgway, has been elected president of the Engineer-ing Employers' Federation. Mr M. C. Davie has been

appointed to the board of Rogg

Sir Alastair Down, chairman of Burman Oil is joining the board of Scottish American Investment Company from March 19.

Mr. E. F. Hillan and Sir Keith

Skinner have been appointed directors of Reed Intercational.

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order intake and output.

and this was underscored by the Bolivian delegate in Chiang Mai demanding that United States releases ought to be made only after consulting them—an under-standable sentiment from a country which

depends on tin for 75 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings.

The major divergence between producers and consumers has been over the range at which the buffer stock would intervene to keep in prices stable. Both contribute to the buffer stock, although the contribute to the buffer stock, although the contribute to the buffer stock, with contribute to the obster stack, atmosphing it is voluntary for the consumers, with the buffer stock manager buying when the price hirs the lower end of the range and selling when it hits the higher.

But there are only 20,000 tons to play with, and a rundown in stocks just before it hits the ceiling only encourages further appearance.

speculative activity to push prices even higher. The producers want compulsory higher. The producers want compulsory consumer contributions to increase buffer stock, but there is resistance to this.

Under the fifth agreement, the buffer stock range was fixed between 1,500 and 1,950 Malaysian dollars (£300 to £370) a picul (a Malaysian measurement of weight equalling 133! lbs). At the meeting of producers in Jakarta last year, it was suggested that this ought to be revised upwards to between 1,850 and 2,400 Malaysian dollars a picul, but last week's price is already near the upper level of this suggested range.

this suggested range.

Datuk Paul Leong, the Malaysian primary industries minister, suggests that primary industries minister, suggests that the buffer stock range ought to be high enough to make it workable, though this is generally resisted by consumers. This is expected to be a nough bargaining point in the round-up to the sixth agreement, as would be the suggestion that the voting

be revised to make it impossible for two or three consumer nations to yeto a proposal, as can happen now. The tin producers are also trying to persuade Brazil and China to join the tin

personade Brazil and China to John ene the agreement, though they have had little success so far. The Soviet Union, in contrast, is a signatory to the fifth agreement, although it does not take any part in keeping the agreement functioning. Its production of 25,000 tons is a potential threat on the market but it is at the threat to the market, but it is at the moment a net importer of 4,000 tons.

The tin producers, noting that the world has not realized the metal's strategic Only a few weeks ago, ISBA was circulating to MPs a paper which claimed that the new service would be "self-supporting virtually from the word go" and that advertisers "therefore saw little reason to involve the ITV contractors in the finances, of the fourth channel." importance, have firmed up plans for a secretariat to coordinate their views in negotiations with consomer countries of the ITC in London. This means that the London Contact Group would become a formal secretariat like the copper pro-ducers' secretariat in Paris.

The Chiang Mai meeting produced tentative agreement, but delegates took pains to point out that it was not the forerunner of a cartel. "It is merely an organisation to coordinate our views and do initial research to help us in negotiat-ing with the tin consuming countries", said one delegate. He added that the absence of this back-up already placed the group at a disadvantage when nego-

The aim of the exercise is to maintain market stability, but there is an under-standable fear that, if consumers do not come to terms with the producers, there could be a further upheaval in the market

> M. G. G. Pillai in Kuala Lumpur

superior salesmanship of West-inghouse, which had dominated

He thought that the Candu

had been overlooked in the

United Kingdom because of its association with the ill-fated

steam generating heavy water reactor which had been pro-moted by Mr Eric Varley when

he was Energy Secretary and was killed on the advice of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. The two designs were only superficially similar, Lord Bowden said.

The British Government is

PWR of the Westinghouse type

if safety regulations can be met, and a public inquiry passed. Lord Bowden believed that

before a final commitment to a

the market.

Former science minister backs Canadian nuclear reactor

that of Sir Alan Cottrell at the

previous week's hearing, who had promoted the Candu reactor against the PWR on

safety groundos. If cracks were

discovered in a Candu, Sir Allan told the committee, the

affected tube could be replaced and the reactor could continue

in service. Cracks appearing in

a PWR pressure vessel pre-sented a much greater technical

Lord Bowden's memorandum

dovetailed the work done by

Mr John Surrey of the science policy research unit at the University of Sussex in a paper on worldwide reactor perform-

ance. Mr Surrey is one of the

Asked why the Candu system

had not been sold worldwide, as the PWR had, if it was so superior, Lord Bowden main-

tained that it was because of the

select committee's advisers.

By Nicholas Hirst, Energy Correspondent

pumps sector Lord Bowden, former Labour Minister of State for Education and Science, yesterday added to the weight of evidence in favour of Britain considering a Canadian-designed nuclear Britain's pumps and valves industry, which controls 10 per Canadian-designed nuclear reactor in place of either the British or American types. cent of the world market, is facing a year of contraction as demand falls and imports to

A former principal of the University of Manchester Insti-tute of Science and Technology, the domestic market increase. The industry's sector working Lord Bowden was appearing before the Parliamentary select committee on energy, and put forward figures which showed that the Canadian-designed party (SWP) in its latest report* to the National Economic Development Council says that order intake is poor and Candu reactor had out performed either the American is likely to continue at a low level. "This represents a sudpressurized water reactors, which Britain intends to try out, or the British deisgned den change for an industry which had performed well, over a long period, compared with gas cooled systems. other mechanical engineering His evidence complemented

sectors." The industry exported 38 per cent of its £635m of output in

Employment Gazette British strike record much worse in 1979

stitam's strike record 1978 compared favourably with other industrialized countries a study in the Department of Em-ployment Gazette, published yes-terday, shows. Britain is about in the middle of the league table of working days lost per thousand employees.

But there was a marked de-terioration in Britain's strike record in 1979. Strikes against the Government's pay policy earlier in the year and the en-gineering dispute in the summer lifted the number of working days lost last year well above the level of recent years. The figures for January, 1980,

also published yesterday, show the effect of the steel strike, with a huge jump in the num-ber of working days lost to 2,692,000 from 115,000 in December. The number of stoppages beginning rose from 43 in De-cember to 118 last month. The total strike toll in January was still below that of several months in 1979, even though it was above that of any mouth

In the 1974-1978 period, eight countries out of the 19 examined had relatively high totals of working days lost than Britain. These included Canada and the United States, Italy and Australia. Ten countries bad relatively fewer days lost than Beritain including Germany, Japan, France and the Nether-lands. Britain is certainly more strike-prone than other Euro-

pean countries, particularly those of the EEC. Productivity slumped in the third quarter of last year in both manufacturing and produc-Output per worker in the economy as a whole dropped by 1.8 per cent between the second and third quarter of the year. This left the amount produced

per worker just { per cent higher than a year earlier. For manufacturing industry,

made acting chairman and manag-ing director of the Excess Insurance Group of Companies. This follows the resignation of

Mr W. L. Samengo-Turner. Mr John R. Bradbury has been appointed group financial commol-ler of Benrose Corporation.

Mr Raymond S. Willis has joined Dowty as marketing director of Ultra Electronic Com-

Mr Alan R. Nicholson has been

appointed chairman of Kitsors Insulation, the main contracting subsidiary of Fibreglass. Mr Stanley E. Sorrell is joining the board of The Dominions

Export Company.

Air Derek Hanson has been appointed to the board of Constructors John Brown, as an executive director.

New president for Engineering Employers

remink in industry has begun, with unemployment rising sharply. The figures for lebour costs per unit of output suggest companies are anxious to lay off workers as demand slackens.

In the economy as a whole, labour costs rose by 51 per cent between the second and third quarters of last year, nearly 18 per cent above the level of a year earlier. There was a sharp rise of 71 per cent in manufacturing labour costs per unit of output in the third

Turnover

The number of people leaving their jobs appeared to be rising last year after a fall during 1978. There was a fall in the number of new job engage-ments made. Figures for labour turnover usually show a rise in both layoffs and engagements as the economy expands and a fall in both as output slows or falls. The latest quarterly figures show the two series—for engagements and discharges

Spending

In the first quarter of 1979, the aperage family had 2.71 members (of whom 1.31 were working) and spent 583.14 a week All categories of spending wars and the approximation of the spent of were up on a year earlier. Food accounted for 23.9 per cent of the average weekly budget, with housing the second largest item. at 14.9 per cent. Transport and vehicles took 13.6 per cent of the weekly budget.

Vacancies Jobcentres are more successful

at placing people in work than the employment offices which they replace. They place on average 33 of every 100 people who leave the dole queue for work. The proportion is not changed by the length of unemployment, In a typical month, the government employment, carries very the state of the control of the the figures are eve nworse—
productivity fell by nearly 4
per cent between April-June and
July-September. Part of the
reason for the drop was probably the engineering strike
which cur output while
work. The proportion is not
changed by the length of
unemployment, In a typical
month, the government employment service provides 41 job
interviews out of eyery 100 for
those on the unemployment
register.

Mr Michael Warshaw has become chairman of the board of the Knobs & Knockers Group.

Lord William of Chilehurst has been appointed chairman of Yewpadm, the Wacford-based manufacturers of OKO Tyre Scalars.

Mr Robin Hodgson, chairman of the Association of Licensed Dealers in Securities, has been appointed to the Council for the Securities industrial

Secretifies Industry.

Mr Peter Brabrook has s

Geeded Mr Michael Lewis as che

name and managing director of Oxley Printing Group. Mr Lewis accepted the appointment as presi-dent of the group.

Mr Michael D. Hill has been appeared chief executive of both Rank of Ireland Finance (UK) and British Credit Trust.

new reactor system was made the Candu should be assessed.

a further decline of the yeu which is fast aproaching the lowest level yet recorded. Financial sources here feel that its exchange rate of around 250 to the dollar this week may reach the 260 to the \$ in April-May, a dorp of more than 40 per cent since the last days of 1978 when it stood around 180 yen to the dollar.

central bank will continue participating in equalization operations to sustain the years

of Japan is instituted to designed to restrict the outfow and encourage the inflow of foreign money. During the past year, the foreign exchange holdings declined by more than \$10,000m to \$22,000m level in January this year.

far as Japan is concerned. The sources said the dollar shortage would last "at least until autumn" and expressed doubts underpin the yen's value.

The recent rise in the official discount rate by 1 per cent (7.25 per cent rise since last April) has proved largely ineffective. The proposed increases in fares in public by compact of the proposed increases in fares in public by compact of the proposed increases.

In the face of such odds, observers said, the downward trend of the year was bound to cominue for some time.

Orders up 10pc

Yen facing decline to new low

From Koji Nakamura Tokyo, Feb 27

They said an ever increasing deficit in the current account caused mainly by rising oil prices and other imported comnodities would have a "severo impact" on the yen's value. As a short-term measure, the

At the same time, the Bank of Japan is instituting measures designed to restrict the outfow

Whatever measures are taken the dolar will remain strong as

on the Government's ability to

utilities by some 50 per cent from April have also cast a dark shadow on consumer

Orders for rolled steel to the West German steel industry totalled 1,989 million tons in January, up 10.4 per cent from December and up 9.4 per cent from January, 1979, the Iron and Steel Industry Association

Mr Peter S. Weinreb has been spoolnted by MSI Bata International as vice-president, European operations, with responsibility for all MSI activities in Europe.

Air Simon Dixon has been appointed as a director of Charles Barker City with effect from March i

March 1. Mr W. G. Muter has been

appointed a non-executive direc-tor of WGI (West Group Inter-

mational).

Mr Peter Elliott has been appointed a director of Berek Block Concert Promotions and Derek Block Artists Agency.

Mr Robert J. Culverwell and Mr Lou Meek have been appointed directors of Beistaff Inter-

mational.

Mr Jack Pigden has been appointed managing director of Golderstat.

independent sales agencies would by their very nature be forced to pursue advertising revenue wherever they could find it, and they would be aware that it was available in greater volume among the established advertisers on ITVI than on the minority-orientaged Service 2. This would mean the This reading of the financial situation, which was in direct contradiction to the results of independent analytical surveys commissioned by the ITV companies and the IBA, was made the basis of ISBA's case for the introduction of independent "sales agencies" to sell the air-time to advertisers on the new service. Many organizations, said ISBA, would "be Service 2. This would mean the start of the cott of advertising warfare which, as the Home Secretary has warned, must plainately lead to warfare in programmes, with standards

sacrificed to ratings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keys to the success of ITV2-

without ITV1 warfare

From the General Secretary of of all this equipment to pre-The Brewers' Society vent damage during unloading. Sir, When you are delivering if there should be an acci-Sir, When you are delivering over one million casks and some four million cases of bortled or canned beer every week of the year, it is inevit-able that there may be an occa-sional slip 'twixt dray and

The occasional slip

From Mr Donald Harker

Sir, Perhaps Mr Derek Bloom, of the Incorporated Society of

22), should not be too surprise

if there is only belated recogni-tion of the fact that the fourth

elevision channel is going to

initial stages.
Only a few weeks ago, ISBA.

This reading of the financial

make losses, not profits, in its

Advertisers (February

Mr Christopher R. Elliott's estimate of the scale of the drops (Business News, February 21) is, however, grossly exag-gerated. He is wrong also in suggesting that the traditional bump" mats are no longer in use. They are carried on most drays, along with skids, ropes, chains and clamps and on many modern vehicles, there is also a fitted hoist. Draymen are specifically trained in the use

dental fall resulting in a pave-ment crack, the local authority and the brewery company con-cerned settle the matter. It is quite untrue to say that ratepayers have to carry the cost. It is, incidentally, the case that along with the disappearance of the nosebag, which Mr Elliott also noted, has also gone the appearance of playing the the expense of cleansing the streets after the shares have passed by That, Mr Elliott, must surely welcome as a clear R. L. MATTHEWS General Secretary, The Brewers Society, 42 Portman Square, London W1H 0BB.

By ship to Middle East From Mr A. P. Peel Cross \$2,050 from Rotterday \$2,050 from Rotterdam to the

charges.

Sir, I would like to comment on Mr Leighton's letter (Feb-roary 20) which suggests that there is a 47 per cent cost penalty against British ship-pers to the Middle East com-pared with their Dutch coun-terparts as a result of the amiquated acticudes of the British shipping industry.
This general export area

covered by a large number of liner companies of different nationalities, both from the United Kingdom and the Continent. It is an extremely competitive shipping market, and differing quotations are obtainable, particularly from the so-called mon-conference

lines.

Within the conference the 27 Leadenhall Street, basic rate for a container is London EC3A 1AH.

History's imports lesson From Professor T. C. Barker Sir, Mr Bowman (February 20) the invisible items. All the rele-

asks me how it was possible for the United Kingdom to import only about one-ninth the value of the manufacures it exported during the first decade of the present century when it had a deficit on merchandise trade. The answer is simple and straightforward. Almost all our imports then consisted of fcod

and raw materials bought, to our great advantage, in those parts of the world where they could be produced most cheaply. The trade gap was, of

vant figures are to be found in Mitchell and Deane's Abstract of British Historical Statistics to which he refers.

The evidence of conomic

history still remains, despite Mr Bowman's doubts, very relevent to a fuller understanding of our present economic troubles. Yours faithfully, T. C. BARKER

London School of Economics, Houghton Street, WC2. February 22.

Parliament and industry From Mr Alan Eden-Green

ruary 19)? First that while our company members take a variety of political stances, the MPs in their rescarch, as suggested by Bruce George.

Second, you are right to ask: "Who will teach industry to help will their rescarch, as suggested by Bruce George. Yours faithfully, akk: "Who will teach industry and EDEN-GREEN, General Secretary.

MPs, who are fellows of the limited. trust, do a good deal of it in the course of their attachment,

later this year for industrial-Sir, May I make two comments on Malcolm Brown's encouraging piece about the Industry and Parliament Trust (February 19)? First that while our company members take a vari-

Limited 25 Victoria Street,

lucrative task."

Now that ISBA has recognized—belanedly—that the prospects of instant profitability on As ISBA says in its paper: From our point of view the most important of all is com-perition in sales". The ITV companies, in contrast, would have every incentive to create TV Service 2 are a mirage, the case for the sales agencies is being pressed from a different angle. According to Mr new kinds of business. They have to pay for the new channel in any case, and they would be cutting their own throats if they did no more than draw loom, the agencies would have a greater incentive than the existing ITV companies to maximize revenue by seeking out new sources of business in they did no more than draw advertising away from ITVI. The only way they can meet the additional cost of the second service without reducnew markets. That is the ing their income is to open up new markets not tapped by ITVI. The surest means of reverse of the truth.
Independent sales agencies achieving this is to develop areas of programming not yet available and to stimulate new tastes—the very purpose for which Service 2 is being brought into existence. DONALD H. HARKER

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Future of Broadcasting Policy Independent Television Com-panies Association Limited, Knighton House, 52-66 Moramer Street, London Win SAN,

Continental travel and

green card mays been a f From the Secretary General of the British Insurance Associa-

Sir, Grouse (Personal investment and finance, February 16) said that "this month, thanks to ferry companies' special offers, the minimum charge for a green card has been more than one third of the cost of transporting the car and two passengers across the Channel and back". What the article did not say is that the special offer is £20 so it can hardly be argued that the green card charge is an imposition on motorists. -

A green card is essential be-cause without it the policy-holder will only have cover in accordence with the minimum legal requirements for third party insurance. In the case of an accident this cover could well prove inadequate.

Arabian Gulf and \$2,200 from the United Kingdom. Both these rates are subject to the Quite apart from the mirleading comparison it is worth pointing out that the number of same bunker and war risk surclaims and their everage cost is much higher across the Chan-Fixed rates of exchange are applicable in Holland and United Kingdom and these are nel. Continental motorists often respectively 2.25 guilders and 20.55 equals \$1.

Taking these exchange rates and the higher basic freight rate into account, the current pay two or three times more for cover than their counterparts in this country.

You also raise the question of a no claims discount for cost of a container from United Kingdom is £1,438 com-pared with £1,253 from those driving on the Continent. A discount is earned over one A discount is earned over one or more years of claims free driving. It would not be practicable to provide a similar discount for isolated and relatively pared with £1,253 from Holland—a difference of just under 15 per cent.
Yours feithfully,
A. P. PEEL CROSS, short periods of continental driving which cannot produce the same extended periods of

"no claims" experience. Yours feithfully, R. BARDELL. Secretary General, British Insurance Association, Aidermary House,

course, more than bridged by Oueco Strect. London EC4N 1TU. February 21

Poor overseas radio reception

From Mrs B. Miller Jones Sir, Over a year ago I wanted to buy a radio-cassette, the best money could buy, and I chose a German model. For a year I was absolutely delighted with its superb reproduction; then suddenly it stopped. I took it to the repairers who diagnosed three faults. Two they put right, but they could not repair the third as the manufacturers could not sup-

ply the part; it had to come from Germany.

They have written and telephoned repeatedly. I have written myself and got no answer. I have been without music for over four months. In view of the criticism often levelled at British firms for poor service I think this is worth recording. Yours faithfully, B. MILLER JONES, Flat 9, 105 Onslow Square,

Spirit of cooperative enterprise that there is little enthusiasm company in deficit fails, the

Cooperatives are the one ray of hope in the otherwise gloomy situation of British industry. I would suggest that the realization of the cooperative concept has a tremendous amount to offer this country and is worthy of more than cursory examin-ation and unfriendly asides.

Beyond the newspaper head-lines on the Tony Benn ventures, dubbed "worker coop-eratives", is a real success story of cooperative endeavour. The record of industrial cooperatives is at least as good as that of industry as a whole. Indeed, in terms of longevity, number of days lost in strikes and productivity, I would suggest that co-operatives are more successful han companies.

chan companies.

Because cooperatives are conmolled by their members, who
in the industrial context are
almost always their workers
(whether by hund or by brain),
they are not footloose: cooperorive enterprise is British enterprise, firmly fixed within this
country and not migrating
abroad when troubles loom. A
large-scale injection of these large-scale injection of these qualities into the British indusquaintes this fire british into prints structure would give it a welcome tonic. To suggest that it is not worth pursuing the cooperative concept because the existing industrial cooperative sector is small is circular reasoning.

It is quite wrong to suggest

Sir, Some question marks were for cooperation. For example, raised about cooperative enterprise (letters, February 20). using the model rules of the Industrial Common Ownership Movement The question of losses is

raised. The members of coopera-tives are the shareholders in the venture and therefore take responsibility for the losses just us in any other concern. Indeed because the shareholders and the workers are indivisible there is a greater incentive to ensure that losses do not occur. However, if we are talking

about a transfer of engagements from a company to a coopera-tive, and indeed a company which is running at a loss, then it is not unreasonable for workers, as shareholders of the new venture, to be reluctant to take over the losses incurred by the previous management.
After all that management was After all that management was beyond their control. It is the shareholders who control the company, though too often shareholders are not very interested in such matters, it is also the shareholders who obtain the reward of dividend, and have the potential of capi-tal gains, if the company is suc-cessful.

Equity capital is risk capital, so it is not only just but also a tenet upon which the company system is based that the shareholder should take responsibility for the losses as well as the profits. Remember that if a workers pay with something more precious than money:

We have to face the fact that within the company structure capital and labour have conflicting interests. Equally it is not surprising that the employees, who after all create the profits, should show more in-terest in their creation if they have a direct share in those profits and a real interest in and influence on the business. I would not agree with the Government's reasoning in rela-tion to council house sales but it must give pause for thought that they do believe that ownership by the occupiers of council houses gives them a more direct interest in the wellbeing of their environment.
This logic, suitably socialized by the cooperative model, can and should be applied to British industry. I have already enumerated the benefits; it is enumerated the benefits; it is right for the state to pay the small price involved in catalytic action. After all the state has subsidized the "farming ladder" for the last 70 years because it was recognized that the small farmer was a desirable quantity within British agriculture.

So why knock conversives? So why knock cooperatives?

Yours faithfully, PETER CLARKE Research Officer The Co-operative Party, 158 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9UB.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Interest rate possibilities

With British interest rates so far ahead of the international game this winter, sterling has remained noticeably firm through the latest round of interest rate increases overseas. So it was again yester-day, the pound's trade weighted index improving 0.3 to 73.2.

Meanwhile, the Belgians, with their currency still under pressure in the EMS,

raised their discount rate and the market was speculating that the Bundesbank would take further action, perhaps today, to give another upward twist to German rates.

With further substantial tax payments due shortly, markets are expecting the Bank to announce a deferral of next week's planned recall of special deposits.

Stock relief

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Steel strike complications

It can be more or less taken as read, after the Chancellor's speech to the Engineering Employers' Federation a couple of days ago, that the Budget will contain some provisions to ease the burden of corporation tax on those companies which would have benefited from stock relief had their stocks not been run down because of circumstances-such as the steel strike-entirely outside their

The question now, however, is whether the Chancellor will do any more to amend what has always been a fairly crude method of wiping out the tax on profit which, however tangible in the accounts, in reality do not

The answer is complicated by the fact that the accountants, after years of inten-sive bickering on the subject, appear at last to be on the point of producing an accounting standard which—however imper-

fectly—will do the job.

Granted that the accountants may still turn the proposal down, and that in any case the inflation-adjusted statement is to be a supplementary to historic cost accounts for the moment, the timing is still absurd. It will be hard enough to spread the gospel on inflation-adjusted accounts anyway; it will be a lot harder if the important decisions on tax are still to be entirely based on the historic cost figures.

Goldfields

A question of safeguards

Two distinct issues were raised by the Consolidated Goldfields affair. The first-by far the most prominent at the time, because of the emphasis given to it by the Goldfields' board—was the question of the safeguards, or lack of them, against the acquisition of substantial shareholdings in United Kingdom companies by anonymous overseas buyers. Since there is no requirement under United Kingdom company law for buyers to reveal if they are acting in concert on the purchase of anything less than the 30 per cent stake, at which a full bid would be triggered off under the rules of the Takeover Panel, it took the threat of a fullscale inquiry to flush De Beers out into the open.

But though the accumulation of a substantial stake by unknown buyers with unknown intentions is naturally a cause of anxiety to the management of a company, it is not necessarily so to its shareholders. What is, or should be, a cause of concern to them is the scope such a situation can provide for the creation of market conditions from which not all shareholders have equal opportunity to profit. It is to this second issue, amply demonstrated by the heights which Goldfields' shares reached when De Beers stood briefly in the market as buyer, and the depths to which they fell afterwards, that the Council for the Securities Industry is now turning its attention.

General Accident

Best of the

Results from General Accident follow the pattern set by Commercial Union on Tuesday with a plunge into underwriting losses of £18.2m and currency movements reducing overall profits by 4 per cent to 186.5m despite strong growth in investment income.

There is a difference, however. CA has made profits on United States underwriting despite some deterioration in business. And hopes that the group's United States experience in the current year will not be nearly so bad as that of Royal and CU are supported by the news that the group has secured a 14 per cent auto rate increase in

New Jersey.
Of the big three GA seems to be the only one to hold out prospects of recovery for the current year with profits of around £95m on the bac kof investment income. So it should enjoy the doubtful status of representing the least unpopular share of the

At 226p, though, yielding 7.6 per cent—a discount of over 2 points on CU—it can be seen that the market has already taken the

BOC

Disturbing

pointers

BOC has yet to weather really trying trading conditions so the first quarter drop to £12.4m pre-tax which it puts down chiefly to higher interest charges of £12.9m; extra depreciation of £1.6m; and adverse currency movements of another £1.5m, are disturbing pointers to how the group will fare when the recession starts to bite.

Geographically the main damage has come in the Americas where around £700,000 of the £1.3m downturn in trading profits to



Top BOC International men pictured yesterday
—Mr Richard V. Giordano, group managing
director (left) and Sir Leslie Smith, the chair-

£10.7m is due to the dollar's weakness with the rest due to the absence of the Canadian

Deloro's contribution now sold.

The back-dated wage settlement did not help the United Kingdo malthough higher gas prices have now been secured; and the group's long-term contracts with British Steel should help it escape the worst

ravages of the steel strike.

With the recession still to be felt at Asico, it now looks as if BOC will be down on last year's £72.7m and the group may be under more pressure to sell peripheral businesses to avoid a rights issue. For the moment the 9.4 per cent yield at 64p is the only support.

Hoover

Holding the

Hoover is justifying all those who said last year that it was a good recovery stock. For the year the group all but held its sales at £203.67m but saw profits dive from £5.3m to £1.86m, though exchange rate losses cost it

The parent, Hoover of Ohio must be pleased to have bought a few more shares some months ago at around 115p since the United Kingdom company has kept the dividend at 12p even though it was short-earned. The shares gained 15p to 145p vesterday, and Hooker UK is on the way back to profits of £5m to £6m, though the rub may be a dividend merely maintained to compensate for the decision to keep it this

Not long ago, Hoover had 30 per cent of the washing machine market and 50 per cent of the vacuum cleaner market; foreign competition has pressed the proportions down to 25 per cent and 40 per cent respectively. Real consumer spending this year will fall, but supply not demand is Hoover's problem. If it can get the balance right this time the shares, yielding 11.8 per cent, are

Economic notebook

But what if the Government's policy succeeds?

It is a measure of the credi-bility problem facing the Gov-economy.

Arguments in favour of this ernment on its economic stategy that all of the discussion at the moment is concentrated on the prospects for some form of

the prospects for some form of U-turn. But what about the problems of success?

Let us suppose that we get through the next two bleak years during which the Government's policy will be to concentrate on cutting its borrowing requirements. requirements.

The present policy, almost certainly, involves falls in output both this year and next. We have all been well primed for a recession in 1930, but it is beginning to dawn only slowly that 1981 has all the makings of a very difficult year as well.

Industry's decline in competitiveness ought, by all the normal estimates of such things, to have a much greater effect on our exports next year than this. Investment seems likely to perform badly in response to low demand. And even if companies are prepared to struggle on using the equipment they have there is no incentive to buy mare.

The squeeze on the corporate sector is likely to bankrupt some companies. Certainly we must expect to see some further shrinkage of our industrial base, either through the disappearance of large parts of some sectors such as steel or through? tors, such as steel, or through a whittling away of comparies in industries which are particu-jurly vulnerable to foreign com-

How does this relate to the situation which will exist in 1982, when the hope is that inflation will have come down far enough and the public sector borrowing requirement will be

Must expect to see industrial base shrink further

low enough to provide the basis of some expansion? To answer this we have to look at the impact of North Sea oil on the rest of the economy.

One of the most dramatic changes in forecasting in the revision in most outsiders' esti-mates of the benefits to the Government of its share of revenue from the North Sea. At present, the Government gets only a limited share of the back the companies which put up the money in the first place. But from 1982 onwards, it is

the government which receives the lion's share of the oil revenue and the intention is clearly to transfer a significant proportion of that directly to us. So what we are potentially going to get is a recovery based on a transfer of resources from the oil sector of the economy to the non-oil sector.

The problematic question is whether the non-oil sector can whether the non-oil sector can absorb that injection of resources. Economists who believe that in the economic system it is demand which drives the economy and supply which follows would answer yes. But they would essentially agree wish the view that extra demand pumped into the system now would provide an increase in output.

The problem is acute for those certainly a majority in this Government, who feel that limitations on the supply side are such that simply expanding demand can do nothing to raise

view often refer to the experiences of 1978 and 1979 when the economy was subjected to a demand stimulus through tax cuts. It is argued that the only effect of this stimulus was to suck-in imports and to push-up domestically generated wage inflation. Just how true this claim is

must remain uncertain. One possible interpretation of the increase in imports is that in-dustry was buying in capital goods to recouip itself for the future, something which might be expected to happen at this stage of the cycle given our relative weakness in some capital goods sectors.

Let us, for the moment, how-

ever, assume that it is correct that the response of the economy was to suck-in goods from abroad rather than to ex-

Weakened firms unable to cope .

pand output at home. What reason is there to think that things will be different if the extra demand comes as a result of a transfer of funds from the North Sea to the non-oil

In both cases an external stimulus to demand is being applied to the non-oil sector. Can that sector actually absorb the funds? We have seen that among many Opec members the result of a sudden increase in earnings from oil was a sharp boost to inflation; the absorp-tive capacity of their non-oil economy was just not great

If we are to have any hope of benefitting the economy through the extra revenues from North Sea oil which government gets from 1982 then it is necessary either that the economy should already be more

accomy should already be more able to cope with expansion than the Government and many economists believe, or that there should be some improvement over the intervening period.

That is why the short-term squeeze which companies are facing has such potentially long-term harmful effects. It may actually weaken their ability to cope with an expanding market. It certainly explains the growing desire many of them have to see the exchange rate come down.

Treasury ministers have

ministers have Treasury found the prospect of a re-covery in 1982 about the only bright spot in an otherwise very gloomy picture. But if that recovery is to be soundly based it has to avoid going the way of previous recoveries which ran headlong into the bottle-necks and supply constraints which have long bedevilled the British economy.

British economy.

If there is one question which really will determine what chance we have of a real recovery in 1982—if there is no U-turn—it is whether industry can find a way of making itself more able to respond to increases in demand.

Will the years of austerity which we now face force industry to become more efficient so that it can respond to demand? Or will they just weaken manufacturing to a point at which it is able to support even less expansion than it has done in the past? This is the real test of whether the Government's policies could. the Government's policies could, given the chance, work in time.

the House of Commons yester-day to help change the city's traditional "fish and docks"

Over £150m has been invested

Over £150m has been invested locally in new manufacturing recently, and Ian Holden, the city's director of industrial development, had a whole range of projects on offer yesterday. He's looking for a developer for part of a 400-moorings marina to be created from the obsolete Humber and Railway docks, as well as for a 150-bed-room hotel.

room hotel. Hull also wants an experi

enced R and D manager to head an "innovation centre"

David Blake

Sorting out the posts from the telephones

The impending split of the Post Office into two corporations, one for posts, one for posts, one for telecommunications will focus

public attention fully onto the ailing postal side of the business.

Legislation for the change is expected to be completed early next year; but in the interim, a great many decisions need to

next year; but in the interim, a great many decisions need to be taken about the role and future of both posts and telecommunications.

The riming is unfortunate for posts, which is just completing one of the worst years in its very long history. A combination of low pay, low productivity and high staff turnover triggered a crisis last summer resulting in the temporary collapse of the entire service. The Post Office had to advise customers to avoid using the mails and suspended some

advise customers to avoid using the mails and suspended some second class services altogether.

Complaints reached such a pitch that Sir Keith Joseph, then newly-appointed as Secretary of State for Industry, threatened to end the postal monopoly. And anxiety from users prompted Mr John Nott, the Secretary of State for Trade, to refer the London Trade, to refer the London postal area, which acts as a clearing house for much of the nation's mail, to the Monopolies

Commission.

The commission's report, which should be completed early next month and published a few weeks later, is expected to make strong criticisms.

Last summer's chaos was directly reflected in the Post Office's interim results, pub-lished earlier this month after themselves being delayed because of a computer centre dispute. The figures show a loss of £12m for the postal service for the six months ending last September 28, compared with a profit of over £24m recorded in the same period of 1978.

period of 1978.
While the public must be bemused by the turnaround of this magnitude, it is easy to forget that the Post Office operates on a huge scale. The postal division alone represents one of the country's largest enterprises, with over 176,000 employees and a turnover of around £1,500m.

The margins are very slender,

and since wages represent more than three-quarters of total costs, finance plans can be pushed off course very quickly. Similarly, an adjustment in tariffs will also be quickly reflected in the financial results. By applying two price increases within the last six months, the Post Office expects to be able to drag its annual results back on to target by the end of next month. But, by manipulating prices in this way it has brought s fresh burst of criticism from

The two increases add up to

a 33.3 per cent rise in first class postage prices and 42.9 per cent in second class rates.
The crucial question is what effect will the double increases have on volume? The Post Office's own internal forecasts suggest a decline of 6 per cent The Mail Users Association—a pressure group of business postal customers—thinks that postal customers—thinks that the drop at least in the short term will be much greater, per-haps of the order of 10 per cent. A downward slide of this scale has far-reaching implica-tions. For, with the decrease in volume in mail posted will come a consequent drop in the al-ready low levels of productivity. If financial targets are to be met, this in turn will set off a spiral of cuts in service, or yet more price rises, or both, lead-ing inexorably to a further decrease in postings as users turn to other methods of communica-tion for speed, reliability and



Letters being sorted by hand at a major London office.

Many people, including senior Post Office managers believe the postal service is at a cross-roads. Unless ir can learn to adapt to external changes more

swiftly than it has in the past, the service may have no long-term future at all.

Legislative decisions now being taken will have a major impact. But so will the response of unions and staff to an experimental productivity scheme through which the Post Office management is at present try-ing to introduce more flexibility

into its operations.

If the Post Office's monopoly in delivery of addressed letters is removed in such a way as to permit private operators to "cream off" selected, profita-ble areas, it will hasten the de-mise of the basic network. If, on the other hand, the same obligations to provide a compre-hensive service to the same standards, were placed on private operators it is doubtful whether any would take on the business. Although the formal

Patricia Tisdall

recommendation is that the postal monopoly should remain, privately, Post Office managers do not see its removal as much of a threat, provided it is allowed to compete on an equal footing with any private new-

The low morale of Post Office workers, many of whom believe that the service will be allowed to wither and die no matter bow much effort they put in, is a much more serious matter. Until recently, any discussion of the long-term future of posts with Post Office managers was greeted with em-barrassed silence and talk of how long retrenchment could be delayed.

What can be done to turn the postal business round? Serious marketing attention is being increasing advertising mail with special incentives to struct new business users. The prospects for doing this have been helped by the agreement reached last year, with the Union of Post Office Workers, after many earlier refusals to deliver unaddressed mail to deliver unaddressed mail to households. The number of letters posted in the United Kingdom is less than half the figure in the United States where advertising mail accounts for a much higher proportion of the total. It is thought that the British Post Office could expand this part of its business further.

In order to raise productivity in this and other ways, though,

management cooperation from unions and staff to enable traffic and work be he measured. It is arguable whether this will be given it the new legislation increases feelings of insecurity and failure. But if full staff cooperation is given and if management's plans succeed in raising inland letter volumes, then the postal service has nothing to fear for the foreseable future.

A quite separate threat however faces the network of staff to enable traffic and work

ever faces the network of 21,700 sub-post offices and 1,583 crown post offices. This stems from proposals drawn up by Sir Derck Rayner who, as a result of his examination of waste in government, found that considerable savings be made if social security paythat considerable savings could ments were made at less frequent intervals. The problem with this is that it would deprive post offices which act as pay offices for the government of revenue, causing many

The ensuing debate has prompted an examination of the manner of financing overall network. It is quite conceivable for the postal service to function without post offices. But their abolition would have far-reaching consequences.

One of the changes which the

corporation's management would like to see in the new legislation would be the opportunity to widen the range of services which post offices could offer. This would, for instance, enable them to sell British Rail pensioners' travel cards, and generally make the counter staffs more cost effective. It remains to be seen, however, if new business can compensate

for losses which may result from economies in other areas.

Another change favoured by the Post Office is a greater facility to vary its service according to local conditions.
In particular it wants to be able to deliver letters in ground to blocks of flats with common entrances. It is indicative of the relationship which exists to a unique extent between the Post Office and its customers that even the hint of such a modest change as this should be greeted with howls of rage. Standards of service set for the British Post Office far ex-ceed those expected from their ceed those expected from their counterparts in other countries. Also they are probably higher than this country either wants or can afford. The difficulty facing the present management is in selecting parts which can usefully be abandoned and in discarding them without further demoralising customers; and staff.

staff.

Business Diary: Electrotechnical hitch • BL in reverse?

Iwo leading lights of the elec-tronics business are making an exhibition of themselves in the most public way possible.

This week's third biennial International Electrical Exhibi-tion (Electrex '80) at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, is turning out to be a showcase for a row be-tween the show's joint organ-tiers, Industrial and Trade Pairs (ITF) and Electrex Ltd. ITF, part of Reed Inter-national, which is interested in the pure electronics and in-strumentation side of this electrotechnical beameast, is

istally.

shows to mount its own do in May 1982—a few months after the next Electrex exhibition. IIF's action "undoes all the efforts of the sponsors and Electrex Limited in recent years to mount an exhibition which is truly representative of the international electrotechnical industry," Electrex chairman Alex Robertson let it be known restretar

yesterday. Electrex, which is involved with the Association of Supervisory and Executive Engineers, specializes in the electrical end of the business. The company got together with ITF in 1976 after the back lead or higher dindeafter both had exhibited inde-pendently.

Electrex space at NEC this rear went up to 20,000 sq metres from 11,000, but ITF's went down from 15,000 to 9,000

This week's public row is only the tip of the iceberg-Electrex is countering ITF's rivel show in 1982 by booking quarter more space and by tamping up the electronics side



EEF's Anthony Hampton yester-

Antony Hampton, yesterday took over as president of the Engineering Employers Federation from Sir Geoffrey Hawkins, chairman of Stone-Platt Industries

Hampton, chairman of the family firm Record Ridgway, a Sheffield hand tool manufacturer, is a former chairman of the EEF's working party on pay policy. It was rather apt therefore that he should let drop yesterday that BL is to pull out of the industry's national negochairman of the

tiating machinery. BL, which would like more flexibility in its wages negotia-I flexibility in its wages negotia-tions, is prepared to retain "looser links" with the EEF, and may be persuaded to con-tinue to pay its £300,000 annual subscription, but is determined to resign EEF membership in

Hampton will have to lead the industry through a period of acute depression.

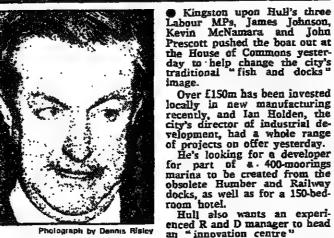


on behalf, first, of Pilkingtons, largest local employer, who are offering up to £2m for equity investment in small companies prepared 10 set and expand

however. there.
Considering that Pilkington's directors think the salvation of the country will owe much to successful smaller companies, their decision to go abroad for their venture capitul experts developed a proven screening looks rather odd. They are, system.



What's all this about the Commons debating a vote of no confidence in Milton Friedman?



They say, not merely that the business of junding successful smaller companies is better developed in the United States, but that Venture Founders has



a French delegate to yesterday's European Parliament hearing on consumer legislation in Dublin. "I knew the Irish drank a lot," said the bemused Gaul surveying the list of those attending, "but I nevair realized zey 'ad a Cork

Ross Davies Sept Mary



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Interest in second liners enlivens dull trading

vesterday after the quiet trad-ing of the first two days of the new account, despite the Chan-collor of the Exchequer's warning on Tuesday night that the country's economic recovery may take a decade, and the lack may take a decade, and the lack of progress in the steel strike. Trading opened with continued interest in the second-line oil shares, although buyers started to fade out during the morning leaving Viking Oil 3p down at 980 by the close. They were replaced by investors' interest in other second line. terest in other second line issues, rather than the leading stocks. But there was a little stocks. But there was a little moreactivity in the engineering sector than in the past few weeks. as the steel strike oppeared to be crumbling on the private side. Bid speculation over a number of shares, including Montague L. Meyer which gained 7p to 114p, Bowthorpe Holdings which added 6p to 112p, was also a noticeable feature of the day as well as activity generated by company results. by company results.

The gilt-edged market, which The gilt-edged marker, which remained quiet, was over-shadowed by the disappointing response to the new 5800m long "tap" and finished up to a 52 casier. Shorts saw a little more activity after the announcement of the Belgian bank rate increase of 11 per cent to 12 per

The FT Index gradually moved up during the day, reaching 456.6. 3 up by noon, it closed 6.8 up at 460.4.

The leading industrials sector, which was awaiting ICI's

Prospects of a breakthrough at long lust for Mothercare's American operations have pro-voked the unusual spectacle in the retailing sector of raised profits estimates which, coupled with stories of a forthcoming British baby boom, pushed the share price up 8p to 228p yes-terday. The group is now ex-pected to make [21m this year, against £15.7m last time.

results today, saw small in-

creases where there were changes. ICI rose 2p to 390p. changes. ICI rose 2p to 390p, while Courtaulds added 1p to 72p. Beecham lost 1p to 123p and Rank gained 4p to 224p. Fisons and Glaxo were unchanged at 287p and 250p respectively as was Dunlop at 66p. Hawker Siddeley added 6p to 175p by the close. But BOC International, which had seen bear closing after Tuesday's bear closing after Tuesday's downgruded estimates for its first quarter, ended 1p up at Rights & Issues (F) —(—) 0.6a(0.08a) 5.12(3.04) first quarter, ended 1p up at Rights & Issues (F) —(—) 0.1a(0.08a) 3.97(3.06) bividends in this table are shown not of tax on pence per share. I are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net pre-tax and earnings are net. a—net revenue, b—1st quarter.

the day to 25.p. following the news or its expansion by acquisition in the United States, while Tube Investments unproved 8p to 302p. Oil-related stocks in the sector were given a boost by continued buying following rumours of North Sea discoveries with National Care discoveries with National Car-bonising up 6p ar 122p having risen 14 points in the last two days. It has a 69 per cent stake in Siebens.

Oils themselves were a little outer although they provided the greatest interest in the market throughout the day. Of the major stocks, BP grined 10p m 398p while Shell with results due next week, but on 4p to 392p. Tricentrol added 60 to 330p but Burmah fell back by the same amount to 240p after its rise during the last few days

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Burroughs Mach (F) 135.7(116.4)
Brown Bros (I) 47.2(43.9)
BOC (I) (b) 290.0(303.0)
BPM Hidgs (I) 33.2(26.9)
Fidgeling Invst (F) 0.39(0.32)
General Accident (F) 815.0(746.0)

Moorside Trst (F)

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the day to 257p, following the on hopes of a bid. Siebens closed virtually unchanged at 832p despite earlier gains

during the day.

Although Hoover's profits crashed at the full year, the dividend was maintained, so it gained 15p to 145p after the gained 15p to 145p after the announcement. Brown Brothers gained ip to 30] after a near-doubling of the interim divi-dend on a 7 per cent increase in profits. Vantona continued to draw strength from Tues-day's figures and added 5p to 106m but second thoughts 106p, but second thoughts about the sale of the Landon headquarters brought Bolton Textiles down 8p to 29p in the

Ladbroke, which began its lates: appeal tgainst the loss of its casino licences, went down op to 149p, while takenver

Latest results

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of Manchester United's chairman, Mr Louis Edwards, lifted the shares 20p to 260p during e day. Renewed speculation over a

takeover bid for Debenhams, denied by the chairman, pushed the share price up 6p to 30p.
In electricals, Thorn added
10p to 326 as hopes were raised
that it would soon amounce the
sale of the scanner division, which was acquired through which was acquired through EMI. LWT Holdings gained 8p to 132p and Lonis Newmark added 18p to 3500 in response to the interest shown in part of the sector. GEC remained unchanged at 377p and Racal gained 2p to 217p.

Good nine-wouth profits from Johnson Matthey hoisted the profile.

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price 17 to 278p after hours, while news of higher taxes on beer, spirits and tobacco in the Irish Budget pushed Guinness down 1p to 92p.

The small increase in the gold price, which went up \$2.5 to \$642.5, was reflected in a quiet day for the mining companys' shares. Cons Gold, whose panys' shares. Cons Gold, whose results are due next week, dropped-back 4p to 533p while Rie Tinte Zinc remained unchanged at 438p. The Australians' buyers returned to the marker after a few days' absence and Samautha closed at 130p, 5p and Otter at 116p, a 2p lift.

The relative disappointment over National Westminster's results earlier this week saw the share price drop back a further 2p to 356p, while Lloyds gained 2p to 300p. Midland was unchanged at 366p and Barclays added 2p to 448p.

added 2p to 448p.
On the insurance pinch, General Actident was unchanged at 226p, despite a slight profits fall, Commercial Unionlost 2p, 140p. Sun Alliance added 3p to 569p and Royal was unchanged at 338p. Equity turnover for February 26 was £9,640m (14,010 bargains). The most active stocks according to Exchange Tele-graph were Burmah, BP, Snell, Ladbroke, Lonrho and Monta-

Newspaper group profits rise to £3:46m

gests the acquisition as been control forming expectations, though its reliance on the Christmas trade means a sharp reduction in the second half contribution.

The group says the improve-ment came across the board from newspapers, retailing, ex-hibition and other interests.

Stripping out Supercards, around 15 per cent for inflation

in advertising revenue comes

But the second half is far

less promising Industry projec-tions suggest newspaper adver-rising will fall by perhaps 9 per-cent in classified and 4 per-cent in display so, although

out at 9 per cent.

BPM - has not yet felt the effects, it expects to be suffering by May to June.

In addition expenses are rising. However, the group almost spread of activities is now seen as a custion against the growth. BPM Holdings, which owns the Birmingham Post and Evening Mail, increased profits from £2.6m to £3.46m in the six months to December 29:
Thenover rose from £26.9m to £33.3m. About £1.5m of the increase is attributable to the recently-acquired. Supercards which also chipped in over £300,000 to profits. This suggests the acquisition has been outperforming.

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effects of the downtrng and the board does not expect; a drastic setback; in the freshits for the year as a whole."

Meanwhile 123.5m is being spent on modernizing the printing presses of the Post and Mail and installing an advanced and installing an advanced electronic telephone exchange to improve service to advertisers. This rogramme should be completed by early next year and the emphasis is then likely to switch to spending on

and an element of revenue growth, the underlying growth the retail side.
With the balance sheet still broadly unchanged from the This was largely in display advertising with classified doing no more than marking time. Meanwhile, circulation growth across all publications averaged out at about 1 percent

broadly unchanged from the year end the company is well placed to consider further acquisitions but is not desperate to diversify further for time being.

The interim payment is 2.65 pgross compared with 1.52p last time. The shares fell 4p to 88 yesterday where they yield 6.9 per cent historically. The tax charge is 38 per cent giving egainst 40.2p.

General

Results for 1979

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1979 will he published on 28th April 1980, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1979, with actual figures for 1978, are as follows:

	1979 £m	1978 Tim
Premium Income General Business Long Term Business	615.2 92.3	\$5.6
	907.5	831.4
Profit and Loss Account		
Investment Income Underwriting Results—General Business Shareholders' Long Term Profits	104.4 (18.2) 2.5	883
Less Interest on Loans	89.1 1.6 1.0	91.6 3.3
Profit before Taxation	36.5 26.8	90.1 29.7
Profit after Taxation	59.7 1.2	⊌0.4 1.0
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	38.5	59,4
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Earnings per share	35.7p 12.0p	35.3p 9.042p

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In arriving at the projet for the year, overseds revenue has been translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the year

Analysis by territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

		1974 Under- WITHING TESUIT	Principal ass bange rates lace	Premium	writing	Principal exchange rates used
U.K. ,	364.7	(10.3)	_	296.7	(2.2)	_
U.S.A	263.2	1.1	\$2,22	262.2	4.9	57.04
E.E.C	59.5	(7.6)	_	54.1	(2.5)	_
Canada	43.3	(1.0)	\$2.59	41.5	0.1	52,42
Australia	19.3	(0.7)	52.01	23.0	(0.5)	\$1.77
Others, including refusurance	45.6	0.3	_	48.1	2.1	
Marine and Aviation	19.6	_	_	20.2	(0.51	_
	815.2	(18.2)		745.8	1.1	
Life Department						
New Business figures are a	s folio	Wa			979 111	1978 Eza
New Benefits Sums assured Anauthes per annum				,-	78.6 35.7	1,703.3 40.0
		******		•	33-3	70-0
New Life and Annuity Premi						
Andual				•	16.6	14.8

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1979

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 21st May 1980, the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 6.5p per share making a total distribution for the year of 12.0p

The dividend will be payable on or after 1st July 1980, to Shareholders on the register on 2nd June 1980.



General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd

World Headquarters. General Buildings, Perth. Scotland.

AGB Research in £3.6m cash call

1.0(0.53) -(--) 1.0(0.53) -(--) 3.7(2.0) 6.5(4.92) 11.5(11.44) 6.39(6.39) 4.4(3.5) 2.48(1.9) subsets in 8

AGB Research, the consumer and market research group, turned to its shareholders for extra cash yesterday when it unveiled a rights issue to raise

The rights, the company's second in two years, will be achieved with the issue of 2.8m new shares on the basis of one new share for every four ordinary shares previously held at an offer price of 1350.
Morgan Grenfell has underwritten the issue and the
broker is Grenfell and Cole-

grave.
The market took a favourable

Briefly

The formal offer document from Birmingham & Midland Counties Trust, who are bidding \$4.1m for the 70 per cent of plastics concern Bernard Wardle they do not already own, will be accepted under Advisory Arbeitage.

they do not already own, will be posted teday. Advisors, Arbutinot Latham, point out that the 12p a share offer includes Warule's 0.87p final dividend and those accepting the offer will forgo that payout. The document should also interest the City. It is expected to show the current financial position of Birmingham and Midland, the private investment vehicle of City entrepreneur, Mr Graham Laccy.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL TRUST Board has arranged with Manu-facturers Hanover Trust to refi-

nance an existing multi-currency loan facility of \$11m expiring in March 1982, and to obtain a fur-

borrowing of \$13m repayable on March 15, 1987.

MOORSIDE TRUST
Gross revenue for 1979, \$1.34m
(\$1.07m). her revenue 5604.000
(\$499,000). Eps 6.12p (\$5.04p). Nav
per share 129.53p (\$120.72p). Dividend is 8.57p gross (7.19p). Dispute with Inland Revenue has been
settled in the group's favour,

CENTRAL TRUSTER
Central Trustee Savings Bank,
banker to the TSB group, reports
a pre-tax profit of 13.39m for year
to November 20, 1979, (53.15m).
Balances rose from 55.7m to
tazim. Substantial growth in activities of TSBs was reflected in
increasing activity of CTSB clearing departments. TSB customers'
cheques cleared totalled 66 million,
a 24 per cent increase on previous
tear.

J. F. NASH SECS
Chairstan told ammal meeting that launch of new convertible Schmitar GTC last weekend was very successful. Already, orders have been received for over 450 and, if this demand is sustained, it will be very good news for Relient Motor Co, who have stready produced and sold more Robin vehicles in January and February this year than they did last year.

RIGHTS & ISSUES INV TRUST
Dividend from 1979, 3.48p (2.9p)
on income shares. Net revenue,
£109,000 (£87,000). Earnings per
income share, 3.976p (3.069p) and
nav per income share,
36.7p
(34.6p).

Profit for year to February 5, 51.5m (£1.4m), fucluding balance brought forward, 5865.500 (£859,000). Net assets, £5.9m (£5.8m). Dividend is raised from 21.44p to 21.5p.

W. WILLIAMS & SONS

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(HOLDINGS)

Mr Peter Prior, chairman of H.
P. Bulmer (Holdings), is to join board. Chairman says that until steel strike is settled, it is difficult to assess the impact it will have on this year's profits, but it could materially affect profit at Williams Alexandra Foundry and Alfred Cook, and indirectly, at other operations. He is confident in the group's ability to overcome such difficulties.

A \$200m 12-year multi-currency Eurocredit for Shell Finance (Australia) has been signed by lead manager National West-minster Bank. The credit will be

used to finance investment pro-grammes. Terms were not offic-ially disclosed.—Reuter.

WARREN PLANTATION HOLD-INGS S.I.P.E.F. N.V. has interested in 424,000 shares 15.04 per cent).

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BERNARD WARDLE

despite cautiously marking the shares 8p lower at 165p which, in turn, gave the new shares a discount of 22 pe reent.

With trading continuing at a

* satisfactory level * the board is forecasting pre-tax profits of uot less than £2.8m for the full year to April 30. This compares with £2.2m last year.

Ar the same time it is At the same time, it is

recommending a final dividend of 5.8p gross making 10p, a rise of 36.4 per cent Mr Bernard Audley, chairman, said the money would be principaly used for further

eagerly eyeing four companies with the intention of expand-ing. Three of them are market researchers, two of them based in Europe, while the last is a software company.
In addition to this Mr Audley

is hoping to launch a further five new magazine publications two years to 10. Construction of its Hanger

Lane property, in which it holds 50 per cent with Taylor Woodrow, continues, and on completion should be worth double the £3.6m the group has

Payout doubled by **Brown Brothers**

By Michael Clark

Desite a rather "flat" performance, shareholders of Brown Brothers Corporation are to receive a dividend boosted by nearly 100 per cent: Pre-tax profits of the group. 69 per cent owned by the Dana Corporation of the United States, improved by 7.7 per cent

to £1.85m in the six months to December 31. This was achieved on turnover up from £43.9m to 147.2m, which in turn boosted trading profits by 21 per cent to 52.4m.

At the same time, the directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.6p gross compared with 0.88p for the correspond-

to point out that the higher pay ment has only been made to bring the interim dividend more into line with the final, and therefore it should not be presumed that the year-end payment will show the same

amount of increase.

Sic Monty Prichard, chairman, said the fairly flat sales figure was mainly the result of the group's rationalization programme.

This had been done to reduce lower-priced goods, while at the same time, pushing harder at the higher margin goods. Nevertheless, in spite of the political and industrial problems

facing the United Kingdom, the second half had started well However, the board is quick on target, he added.

UDT borrowings cut after £12.5m sale

By Philip Robinson

United Dominions Trust, the financial services and international banking group, is selling its Australian instalment credit group to a Dutch company for £12.5m.

The move will reduce group borrowings of UDT by around £75m, or about 10 per cent.

At present the company is awaiting a Bank of England reserve assets, they would be registered.

reserve assets, they would be controlled by the corset.

The sale of UDT Australia to NV Amev is the letest in a number of moves by UDT to ewaiting a Bank of England decision on whether it will be controlled by the corset. The sale of UDT Australia to NV Amer is the lefest in a number of moves by UDT to reduce its overseas exposure. But there are no other plans to sery from the secondary banking crisis in 1973. It still owes the lifeboat a shade under 5200 million.

More businesses turn to factoring

By Our Financial Staff Small and medium-sized businesses are increasingly from only £200m in 1973.

There has been a 21 per cent force day by the Association of Eritish Factors.

The association, formed only three were ago by the eight invoice discounting — ruse to the financing of receivebles—

yesterday by the Association of British Factors.

The association, formed only three years ago by the eight invocie discounting—rose a leading factoring companies in the United Kingdom, reports a 27.6 per cent increase in its combined volume of business which rose in 1979 from \$1.335m to \$11,707m\$. Factoring, which is factoring services rose from 1,725 to 2,080 in 1979

Second private group takes a stake in Messerschmitt

From Darel Delamaide

Hamburg, Feb 27
A second private industry grouping has acquired a significant stake in Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm, the West Ger-man aerospace company, in the rapidly evolving realignment of the national industry. Allianz-Versicherung AG, the leading insurance group,

Conditions in all sectors have not been easy during first four months of new financial year, but chairman believes group is not so adversely affected by current conditions as many other companys in manufacturing and engineering. Allianz-Versicherung AG, the leading insurance group, disclosed is Munich on Tuesday that together with Robert Bosch GMBH, the engineering and electronics group, it acquired a 12.2 per cent stake in MBB as of the beginning of this year. Chairman said merged Silver-thorne-Gillott is finding it difficult to compete abroad, and United Kingdom, retail sales continue de-

ance company declined to disclose price or other terms of the acquisition. It is evident from the changes in shareholding as disclosed by MBB today that the shares came from the State of Bavaria, which reduced its holding from about 27 per cent to 23 per cent, and the "Pides" industrial group (consisting of Siemens, Thyssen and Aerospatiale), which cut its holding from 34 per cent to 26 per cent. The other MBB shareholders are Hamburg and the founders or their hears.

BOCInternational Ltd Group results, unaudited, for the

three months to 31 December 1979:

	Three	Three	
	Months	Months	Year
	to	to	to
	31.12.79	31.12.78	30.9.79
•	£million :	Emilion	£million
Sales	289.9	302.9	1,229.0
Operating costs	244.2	253.0	1,031.6
	45.7	44.9	197.4
Depreciation	- 21.6	19.9	77.3
	24.1	25.0	120.1
Group share of	470 v	2	120.1
associated companies			ł
profits less losses	1.2	13	45
Trading profit	25.3	26.3	. 124.6
tiersid bloss	-	. 20.0	
Europe	5.4	. 5.5	31.4
Africa	3.3	3.4	149
Americas	10.7	12.0	56,1
Asia	0.3	0.4	1.7
Paofic	5.1	5.0	20.5
Trading profit	25.3	26.3	124.6
Interest	12.9	12.0	51.9
Profit before tax	124	14.3	72.7
Tax	5.3	7.0	- 28.1
Profit after tax	7.1	7.3	44.6
Minority interests	1.6	1.7	7.6
Earnings	5.5	5.6	37.0
		4.4	57.0
Earnings per share			
-nil distribution basis	2,215	2.20p	12.86p
-net basis (after ACT			
written off)	. 1.69p	: 1 <i>J2</i> p	11.39p

If depreciation had been charged on historical cost rather than replacement cost, Group results would

have been: Profit before tax Earnings per share

£20.8m £21.3m £94.9m 4.13p 3.74p 17.76p (net besis)

Condensed balance sheet, unaudited, as at 31 December 1979: At At

	- PAL	
	31.12.79	30,9,79
	£million	£million
Shareholders' funds	582.0	516.3
Minority shareholders' interests	65.4	64.0
Deferred tax	12.6	12.0
Long-term liabilities	24.8	24.2
Net borrowings and finance leases	475.5	451.3
	1,160.3	1,067.8
Fixed assets	261.0	808.0
Associated companies and investments	26.0	25.4
Working capital (excluding		
bank balances and short-term		-
loans)	273.3	234.4
	1,160.3	1,067.8

 Sales for the three months exceed 31 December 1978 included £32.9 million by businessessold since that date.
 Sales for the quarter ended 31 December 1979 would have been £15.2 million higher if exchange rates ruling at 31 December 1978 had applied. On a comparable basis sales for the two quarters therefore were: 1979 £305.1 million, 1978 £270.0 million.

2) in comparison with the corresponding quarter of 1978, profits before tax for the three months ended 31 Decamber 1979 were adversely i) Edua depreciation of £1.6 million on assets now stated at replace-

ment cost, which were previously stated storiginal cost;
iii £1.5 million due to changes in exchange rates;
iii) £2.1 million due to higher interest rates;
but benefited from a reduction in interest of £1.2 million due to

lower borrowings.

3) The results are prepared on a modified historical cost basis in that almost all the Group's fixed assets are now stated at net replacement, cost and depreciation is charged accordingly. For the three months ended 31 December 1979 profits before taxif calculated on a full CCA.

basis (including adjustments for monetary working capital and gearing) would have been an identical £12.4 million. Disposeis
4) Since 31 December 1979 the Group has received £16 million on the dispose of the improvement.

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How Imperial Group Ltd. contributed to the country's foundations in 1979.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, SIR JOHN PILE

HOW IMPERIAL FARED IN 1979

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In 1979 measures were taken and others were set in train which will be of great importance to the Group in the years ahead, but before I come to them I must look back on the financial year which ended last October. Our total trading surplus rose by £13.1 million to £157.1 million on sales which were 11% higher at £3,822 million. Higher short term interest rates, however, pushed interest charges up by £6.5 million to £40.9 million, leaving profit before taxation at £136.7 million which was better than last year by only £5.6 million, a rise of 4.3%. After taxation of £12.5 million, some £15.5 million lower than in 1978, profit after taxation was £124.2 million.

Last year, our tobacco interests showed a marked recovery over the previous year as our presence in the king size market gained further strength and margins improved. Higher costs kept our Brewery Division's increase in trading surplus to a modest level, while the earnings of our Paper, Board. Packaging and Plastics Division were slightly depressed. In our Food Division, the performance of the great majority of our businesses was significantly better than last year, but this was more than offset by substantial losses on eggs and poor results from our chicken interests in the U.S.A.

THE FUTURE OF IMPERIAL

Several factors, including the now mercifully defunct Price Commission, but, above all, the torpid state of the British economy on which we are at present so largely dependent, have inhibited our profit growth in recent years.

For the past fifteen years we have been diversifying in order to lessen our dependence on a single market, tobacco, which we dominated. Our bid to acquire Howard Johnson in the U.S.A. is designed to bring us foreign earnings and a platform for the growth of such earnings. Dependence on a single economy has become musual for a company of our size, but Imperial the transport rears been distinguished by another a major trading company. I refer to our substantial holding in B. A.T. Industries Ltd., dating from 1902, which gave us a useful but indirect stake in overseas trading. This holding was subsequently sold in two stages and the proceeds reinvested short term; the first stage was in 1975 and the second last March, and we took advantage on both occasions of a rare conjunction of factors favourable to securing a good price in such a transaction.

LEISURE AS A GROWTH AREA

It is my responsibility and that of my colleagues on the Board to ensure that the Imperial of tomorrow will be a thriving enterprise creating wealth which will benefit shareholders, employees, pensioners and the nation at large. We will need to concentrate more of our assets in businesses with higher growth potential, and to improve our capacity for bringing together human and financial resources to exploit new business opportunities in providing many of the services as well as the goods which people will want when they relax at or away from home.

We see leisure as a growth area, and we anticipate a rising demand for goods and services which offer high quality and good value for money. It is in order to flourish in tomorrow's markets that we have continued to reshape Imperial, and in addition to potential for growth in its own right, the special appeal to us of Howard Johnson is that its acquisition and integration will offer scope for developing other parts of the Group and for further progress along our chosen route into the coming decade and beyond.

With the B.A.T connection at an end, and with the Howard Johnson acquisition seemingly set fair for completion, an important phase in the re-appraisal of Imperial's future is coming to a close. Ahead of us hes the exciting challenge of making the newly-shaped Group work to the best of its considerable ability.

EMPLOYEES

thank expolorees at altievels who contributed to our achievements last year. There were, bowever,

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1979 £ million	1978 £ million	DIVISIONAL RES	ULTS Sale	25	Trading sibefore in	urplus ierest
Sales to customers outside the Grou	p 3.821.8	3,432.8		1979	1978	1979	1978
Group trading surplus before interes	-	144.0	}	· £mil	lion	£ milli	OD
Interest on borrowing	(40.9)		Tobacco	1998.6	1951.3	78.6	66.3
	116.2 20.5	109.6 21.5	Paper, Board, Packaging & Plastics	257.5	230.0	15.4	15.9
Income on investments	136.7	131.1	Food	1098.9	856.1	24.7	27.1
Group profit before tax			Brewery	505.8	449.9	38.3	37.1
Group profit after taxation and minorities	123.7	102.8	Effect of foreign currency changes	0.7	(17.6)	0.1	(2.4)
Profit from sales of properties and investments, etc.	117.2	20.3	TOTALS	3861.5		157.1	144.0
	240.9	123.1	1011100				
Retained in the business 189 Dividends 51	.4	78.5 44.6 123.1	Less: Sales within the Group and associated companies	39.7	36.9		
·	240.9	155.1	TOTAL EXTERNAL SALES	3821.8	3432.8		
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disputes and practices outside the Group and, to a much lesser extent, within some of our companies which meant that we did not achieve all that we might have done.

RESPONSIBLE BARGAINING

Freedom to bargain over terms and conditions of employment has now been restored after some years of restraint, either statutory or voluntary. This freedom nevertheless carries with it for all concerned a duty to bargain responsibly in the interests of everyone, to adopt new methods of working and to make the best of new technology. For wherever inefficiency and low productivity are enshrined in defensive attitudes and restrictive practices at any level in the Group, we are failing to give the best possible value to our customers, to those who investinus, to society at large and, indeed, to each other.

It is a fallacy that higher productivity inevitably leads to higher unemployment. It can well lead to the reverse. The money saved thereby can go in higher pay and higher profits thus increasing the purchasing power of employees, companies and their shareholders so that the demand for products is generally stimulated. The truth of this can be plainly observed by comparing other developed countries with our own. The true cause of our rising unemployment is the lack of competitiveness of many of our industries in world markets and in our own country, and this is in large measure due to our low productivity.



INPERIAL STOUP LIMITED products include tobacco goods from W. D. & H. O. Wills, John Player & Sons and Ogden's; Ross Foods, Buxted Poultry, Golden Wonder Crisps, Smedley-HP Foods, Young's Seafoods; Courage and John Smith's Beers.

International

Sumitomo Chemicals push ahead to a record

Japan's Sumitomo Chemical company says that its net income in the year ended last December 31 reached a record 11.24bn yen, registering a 188.6 per cent increase from 3.894bn

per cent increase from 3.894bu yen in the previous year.
Sales increased by 26.6 per cent to 550.611bn yen from 434.952bn yen a year before.
Sales of industrial chemical products rose by 32.3 per cent to 270.482bn yen. Those of plastics and synthetic rubber went up 40.8 per cent to 118.445bn yen. Sales of dyestuffs and fine chemicals were up 7.6 per cent to 77.251bn yen. Pesticides were up 29.6 per cent to 42.37bn yen. up 29.6 per cent to 42.37bn yen. A Sumitomo Chemical official attributed the good business performance to strong demand for chemicals in the domestic market. He added that the reduction of employees—by about 400 workers to about 9,800 was another reason. It was also said that the yen's decline contributed to a marked increase for exports.

Cons Gold (Aust.) Consolidated Gold Fields of

Australia showed a pre-tax pro-fit of \$A29.0m (about flam) for the half year ended Decem-ber 31. This compared with £17.84m a year earlier.
Sales amounted to \$A\$1.31m. investment and other income \$A3.98m. Earnings per share were 29.5 cents (18 cents).

Woodside rights

Woodside Petroleum of Australia is raising \$A120m rights issue. The funds will be

rights issue. The funds will be used to finance estimated expenditure on the North West Shelf project until long-term borrowing arrangements have been concluded.

North West Shelf Development, Hematite Patroleum have advised that their full entitlements, totalling 34.15 million shares, will be taken up. The remainder of the issue has been underwritten.

Mannesmann

Mannesmann AG, the large West German engineering group, has given a warning that its earnings fell last year com-pared with 1978 when world wide consolidated net profit amounted to DM256m (about

In an interim report, the com pany blamed the decline on its steel tube and plant construc-ing divisions, which it said failed to recover from a period of weakness. The companies of the group producing investment goods improved their reworld wide group turnover fell by 2 per cent to DM12,410m last year from DM12,670m in 1978: Fixed asset investments increased to DM538m from DM500m the year before as a result of higher spending in West Germany,

Options

After Tuesday's quick burst of activity traded options reverted yesterday, to the sleepy conditions which have prevailed lately. Total contracts fell from 706 to 427 with Cons Gold 706 to 427 with Cons Gold Fields, reporting soon, continuing to dominate proceedings with 100 contracts. Investors were anxious to take up positions in the April 550p series while some interest was also expressed in the April 500p series. Land Secs also attracted some interest as did Shell ahead of next week's figures.

Traditional options had a busier day with dealers reporting high turnover.

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* Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

Wall Street

New York. Feb 27.—Stocks moved (righer in active trading this morning with the olls again providing much of the leadership. Advances led declines four-to-three and the Dow Jones industrial average gained five points. age gained five points.

Active Exxon rose 1½ to 67½.

It raised prices on several of its
fuels. California Standard added
1½ to 82, Superior Oil 5 to 174,
Conoco Inc 1½ to 57½ and Shell
Oil 1½ to 71½.

Philip Morris gained ½ to 33½.

It raised the quarterly dividend to
40 cents a share from 31½ cents.
Esmark rose 1½ to 33½. Its first
quarter net rose.

The Door Jones February 26: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 4.44 points up at 864.25.

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It required Bank of England help on a moderate scale to sileviate the shortage of day no day credit yesterday. The authorities bought a small amount of Treasury bills from the banks and the houses, a small quantity of corporation bills from the houses, and a small number of slightle bank bills from the market for resale at agreed future dates. In addition, two or three houses borrowed a small sum overnight at 17 per cent MLR.

Houses again spent the greater part of the day picking up small balances at 17 per cent and wairing for the Bank to intervene. Closing belances were taken in a band of 164 to 164 per cent.

Underlying factors were again all salances were below target Tuesday night, the market repaid the small sum advanced by the Bank on Tuesday, and there was a net take up of Treasury bills to fivance.

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King Khaled it reported to be recovering from a recent illness. Against the deutschemark the closing rate was 1.72590 (1.7630). In mid-session the Bundesbank sold \$9.2m to slow the American currency's advance. Other Europeans to end with dollar gains included the Switch franc 4.1310 (4.1340). The yen closed at 248.225 (247.95). The pound scored a broad advance yesterday aided by a fair commercial demand. Ther a peak of 2.2875, the close was 2.2875, over a cent up on the overnight of 2.2765, while the trade-weighted level ended at 73.2 compared with 72.9 previously. After fluctuating parrowly for much of the aession, the dollar took 2 late knock from rumours of a coup in Saudi Arabia, where Sterling Spot and Forward

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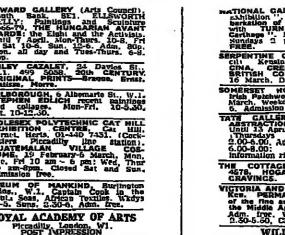
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Tonight's film in the Radley College series (BBC 2, 8.30) introduces us to a misfit, a bored 16-year-old who, though he knows he can't beat the system, still exercises his right not to love it. Who said this excellent series is just a PR exercise for

But enough of misery. There is much tonight to make you laugh, too. Ask a Policeman (EBC 2, 6.00), the Will Hay comedy, for instance. It is only marginally less funny than the best of all Hay comedies. Oh! Mr Porter, and like that classic, it also stars the irreplaceable Graham Moffatt and Moore Marriott....
That weekly serving of show business nostalgia, Looks Familiar (ITY, 7.00) is always worth watching if only for the relaxed comicality of Danis Varden its present. His supers tonight comicality of Denis Norden, its presenter. His guests tonight are three accomplished exponents of light comedy playing. Ian Carmichael, Moira Lister and Patrick Cargill. . . Radio 3 offers (at 7.30) another chance to hear James Saunders's most intelligent comedy about six people trapped by a Swiss avalanche. The Last Black and White Midnight Movie. It stars Nigel Davenport.

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TELEVISION 4.40 Star Turn: Acting games, chaired by Graeme Garden, and performed by Paul Daniels, Toni Arthur, Barry Cryer, Stuart McGugan, Maggie Philbin and Lennie Bennett.

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5.65 John Craven's Newsround:
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5.40 News: with Richard Whit-

S.40 News: with Richard Whitmore, 5.55 Nationwide.
6.55 Tomorrow's World: Why
Kieran Prendiville becomes Donald
Duck; to North Sea oil rigs by
torpedo; how computers can help
victims of agoraphobia; and a
report from Greece on a bid to
save its ancient treasures.

7.20 Top of the Pops: Shop window

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8.00 Lennie and Jerry: First of the new series of comedy programmes with Lennie Bennett and Jerry Stevens. Their guests are the Impressionist Paul Thursday, the singer Karen Kay, and Che and Ray, the juzz piano act.

8.30 Sweet Nothings: Four-episode love story, with Lynn Farleigh as

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Educa-9.00 For Schools, Colleges: Japan (Hiroshima); 9.25 Science (energy utilization); 9.47 Science All Around: 10.10 Merry-go-Round (Sleepers on the Hill); 10.35 Scene; 11.05 Near and Far: 11.30 Let's Look at Wales (Mysterious Blue-stones): 11.55 On the Rocks, Close down at 12.20 pm.

12,45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Includes Film Focus, Tony Bilbow's movie item. 1.45 Heads and Talls: Dip and Clip (r). 2.00 You and Me: A Visit to Nan's (r.). 2.15 Schools, Colleges: Music Time; 2.40 Television Club (Pet Subject). Close down at 3.00. 3.55 Play School: Ron Riches's story The Bubbly Bubble.
4.20 Bojan: A Yugoslavian cartoon called Shadows. 4.25 Jackanory: Gemma Jones con-tinues reading from Nina Bawden's The Robbers.

6.40 am Open University: Codic Sections; 7.05 Data Processing; 7.30 Search and Rescue. Close down at 7.55.

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1,

4.50 Open University: Oedipus Tyr-

5.40 Flash Gordon : The Tunnel of Terror.* Episode 2 of this early

space fiction adventure yard, star-ring Buster Crabbe.
6.00 Film: Ask a Policeman* (1939). Yet another Will Hay cor-

ker—the merry tals of three in-competent village policemen (Hay and his marvellous parmers Graham Moffatt and Moore Mar-

riott) facing the sack unless they earn their keep. 7.15 News: With sub-titles for the

9.30 am For Schools: Making a Living (miners' holidays); 9.52 Believe it Or Not (Man's identity);

19.09 G/od Health (feet); 10.26 French (French-speaking school);

10.46 Bertrand Russell (happiness defined): 11.05 Music Round (making instruments): 11.27 Seeing and Doing (bird sanctuary): 11.44 Picture Box (Greek islands).

12.00 Topper's Tales: Julian Orchard tells the story of Digger, the puppy. 12.10 pm Stepping Stones: Going for a ride (r), 12.30

The Sullivans: Australian family

1.00 news: with Peter Sissons, 1.20 Thames News: with Robin Hous-

1.30 together: Tales of life in a block of flats. More about Julie

2.00 After Noon Plus: The whole programme is given over to reconstituted families "—the stepparents and stepchildren syndrome. About 30 people, repre-

drome. About 30 people, representing the parents and the children, will be in the studio to share their experiences.

THAMES

3.55. Close down at 11.25.

7.25 Newsweek: How does the West German view of détente differ from that of the United States and Europe generally? A report by Donald MacCormick.

8.00 It's Patently Obvious: Panel game in which contestants have to identify the lavention, with Peter Cnok, Paula Wilcox (the visitors), Wilf Lunn and Debby Swallow (resident experts) and a team from Bath University.

8.30 Public School: Another report on life at Radley College. To-night's feature is about the pupil who dislikes sports and the Com-bined Cadet Force, yet has to get involved in both (See Personal Choice) Choice).

9.00 M*A*S*H: An outbreak of temperamental behaviour at the Army medical base in war-torn Korea.

5.25 Echoes: Germany and Holo-

3.45 How's Your Father? Comedies about a widower. With Harry

4.45 Salvage 1: The Haunting or Manderly Mansion. Spooky hap-penings in a haunted treasure house.

5.15 White Light: Magazine for young viewers, includes The Photo, a Worcestershire band, and

a discussion about young people's travel problems.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.23 Help! All about Tinnitus, the

disease that produces constant noises in the ears.

6.35 Crossroads: Motel serial.
Arthur Brownlow and the "mitte-

7.00 Looks Familiar: Show business quiz game, chaired by Denis Norden. Guest panellists are lan Carmichael, Moira Lister and Patrick Cargill.

7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. Comedy programme that takes jobs

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caust: The effect on the Germans of today of the TV serial Holocaust which is about the atrocities practised by some of the Germans of yesterday. A report from Germany by Valerie Singleton (see Personal Choice).

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the wife who goes back into the Civil Service, giving her husband (Tom Bell) some uneasy moments. Part 2 next Tuesday.

9.25 Play for Today: A Gift from Nessus. Drama by Bill Craig, adapted from William McIlvan ney's novel, with Ken Hutchison

as the salesman who loses his sense of vocation and gains a mistress (see Personal Choice).

10.45 Question Time: Robin Day's panellists unlight are: Javet Fookes, MP, Gerald Kaufman, MP, Cyrti Smith, MP, and Anna Coote, the journalist. 11.45 News head-

9.00 News: with Richard Baker.

10.15 15th Cambridge Folk Festi-val: From Cherry Hinton Hall.The featured artiste is Ry Cooder, the American guitar player. 10.45 Newsnight: News and cur-

11.30 Bought and Sold: Already seen in Northern Ireland, this is a play about an 11-year-old country boy, who, in 1919, leaves home to seek his fortune at a hiring fair. Written by David Hammond and starring Stephen Furphy as the boy.

12.00 Close down: Rosemary Anne Honan's poem Tower Block, read by Joy Parker. Ends at 12.10 atr.

2.45 Spoils of War: Repeat of last Sunday's episode of this Lake Dis-trict serial. Blake (Alan Hunter) goes to Germany and hears some disturbing news. as its theme. John Junkin is a guest artiste. 8.00 Armchair Thriller: Fear of God. Episode 2 of this drama about a reporter (Bryan Marshall) investigating the mysterious death of a girl belonging to a religious

sect.
8.30 TV Eye: Afghanistan—the China Connexion. Peter Gill reports on how Pelding is arming Pakistan, against the day when soviet-backed forces could invade from Afghanistan. A fascinating new angle on the Afghan crisis.

9.00 Chief of Detectives: New York detective faces a charge of murder. With Joe Don Baker. 10.00 News. 10.30 Thames Report: Angela Lambert finds out whether London is fully prepared for a nuclear attack.

11.00 Lou Grant: Dramas about a newspaper editor. Tonight: a kid-napping plot. 12.0 What the Papers Say: Pre-sented by Ferdinand Mount, of The Spectator. 12.15 am Close, Michael Bentine reads Temyson's much-loved poem in Memoriam. 2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Living Language; Secondary Science; Look! 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00 Scudy on 4: The Bad Life (8).

(8). 11.30-12.10 am Open University: Hardy and the Ballads; Technology and Society.

RADIO

Radio 3 6.55 am (mw only) Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Wolf-Ferrari, Liszt,
Rossini, Dvorak.
8.05 Records: Delfus, Holst, Parry, 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composers: Satie,

11.08 News.
11.05 Analysis.
11.50 Through My Window.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm Yon and Yours.
12.27 Detective (9).
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at Onc.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News. 1.40 The Archers.
2.01 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.02 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: Guffy and the Dangerous
Ouestion, by Barbara Fox.†
4.15 Any Answers?
4.45 Story: A Will to Endure.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News. 6.00 News. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1980.†

9.06 News.
9.05 Week's Composers: Satte, Poulenc.;
10.00 Strings: Rutter, Warlock, Hope.;
11.40 Songs: Schumann, Britten.;
11.45 BBC Northern SO/Downes: Mendelssohm (Vln Conc.), George Lloyd (Sym 7).;
1.05 Plano (Imamura, live from Manchester Royal Exchange): Barrock, Schumann (Kreisleriana).;
2.06 Review (Kelier): EBU imernational Quarter Comp.;
3.09 Chorus, brass (BBC Singers/Poole, P. Jones Ems), pt 1: Byrd, Taverner, Purcell, Dallapiccola.;
3.55 Interval reading.
4.95 Chorus, brass, pt. 2: Gabriell, Payne (Phoenis Mass).;
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono omy from 6.20). Music for early evening.;
7.00 Talking about Music.;
7.30 Play: The Last Black and White Midnight Movie, by James Sanders.;
8.15 Guitars (Bream, Williams): 7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Time for Verse.
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8.60 RPO/Chally (live from Festival Hall) pt 1: Rossim, Schumann in the Research of the mann.† 8.45 Geoffrey Moorhouse Revisits: Manchester
9.05 RI'D, pt 2: Franck (Sym).7
10.00 The World Tonight.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament. 8.15 Guitars (Bream, Williams): Giuliani.† 8.30 The Living Poet. 9.00 Piano (Argerich): Ravel (Gas-

pard) -†
9.25 Story: The Blue Moccasins, by 6.50 am Regional news, weather. D. H. Lawrence. 10.00 Building a Library: Chopin 6.50 am Regional news weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
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9.05-10.30 Schools: A Service for Schools; Impact; Religion and Life; Sounds, Words and Movement; Notice Board 1; Stories and (Prejudes).† 10.55 Music in Our Time: Maxwell Davies (Sym).† 11.55-12.00 News.

> Radio 2 5.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Steve

Jones + 7.32 Ray Moore. + 10.03 June Pavid Jones. † 7.32 Ray Moore.† 10.05 Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David Hamilton.† 2.08 Ed Stewert.† 4.03 Moch More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.29 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Donn.† 8.02 Company Club.† 9.02 Alan Delit 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Windsor Davies. 10.30 Star Sound extra. 11.62 Brian Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

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12.15-12.23 am Weather.

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6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News.

9.05 You and Yours. 10.00 News. 10.05 Parent Power. 10.30 Daily Service.

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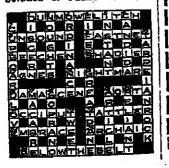
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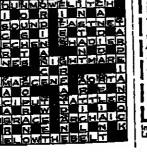
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